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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin talks to Amir, a pupil at a Holon elementary school, on the first day of the school year yesterday. (Story, Page 2) (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Israel, Morocco establish diplomatic ties

MOROCCO yesterday became the second Arab state after Egypt to establish diplomatic ties with Israel, with the two countries announcing they would open interest sections in Tel Aviv and Rabat.

This is considered to be the preliminary step before full diplomatic relations are established. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the representations would be opened in the near future, but gave no dates. Morocco said it was also opening an interest section in Gaza.

At a press conference yesterday, Rabin said the decision by the North African kingdom was a direct result of "a change - not in words but in deeds - in the policy

ALON PINKAS
and news agencies

of the current Israeli government towards the peace process.

"I would very much like diplomatic relations, but one must acknowledge that sometimes patience pays, and better results are achieved by taking things step-by-step," Rabin said.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the move heralded "the building of a new region."

"For us, it's a beautiful present on the holiday [Rosh Hashana], but it is beyond a holiday present," Peres told Army Radio.

"The majority of relations that we have focused on were bilateral with states neighboring us. This is an opening of a regional system of relations," Peres said. "I assume

this will have an effect on other countries. We are working on this."

Rabin disclosed that many approaches had been made over the years to another North African country, Tunisia, to forge official ties with Israel, but he could not say when they might bear fruit.

Asher Susser, a Middle East expert at Tel Aviv University, said relations with the geographically distant Maghreb kingdom were not likely to affect Israel's relations with its immediate neighbors or spur stalled peace talks with Syria.

"But it is another step forward, creating the appearance that the progress is irreversible," he said. "Israel is finding its place politically in the region."

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Ben-Yair: Capital gains tax needs backing of 61 MKs

EVELYN GORDON

THE government cannot tax profits earned on bonds and treasury bills without a law backed by at least 61 MKs, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said yesterday. The government can tax the sale of certificates of participation in mutual funds without any problem, he added, but it would be more appropriate to give people tax breaks if the fund invests in bonds or treasury bills.

Ben-Yair's ruling was based on a 1984 law called the Law for Protecting Public Investments in Financial Assets. This law states that the government cannot worsen

the terms of certain low-risk financial instruments issued for a specified period of time, such as bonds and treasury bills. The law does not apply to stocks.

While the law specifically says the government cannot raise taxes on such instruments, Ben-Yair noted, it could be interpreted as applying only to taxes levied after redemption, and not to profits gained by selling the instruments.

However, he continued, courts will usually prefer the interpretation that provides the most protection for property rights, so it is better to decide that the law ap-

plies to sales as well - including resales, since taxing the new buyer would lower the value of the instrument, and therefore hurt the original owner.

A tax, however, could legally be imposed on new issues, even without changing the law, he added.

To change the law, however, would require 61 MKs, because a clause in the law expressly says so. While legal opinion is divided as to whether such a clause is binding in any law except a Basic Law, Ben-Yair said, there are three reasons for deciding that it is.

First, he said, it would be inappropriate for the government to

assert that a law passed by a previous Knesset is invalid.

Second, acting as if this clause were invalid would open any tax to a challenge in the High Court of Justice, and therefore would surround it with great uncertainty.

Finally, he said, when faced with two interpretations, courts generally prefer the one that gives the most protection to property rights - in this case, the interpretation which says the clause is valid.

Regarding mutual funds, Ben-Yair said that most Israeli laws treat the funds themselves, rather than their participants, as the owners of the instruments in which the funds invest. Therefore, (Continued on Page 2)

'Deri exerted pressure to rezone land'

EVELYN GORDON

FORMER interior minister Aryeh Deri never actually asked the Housing Ministry to rezone land in Nebi Samuel for residential construction, but there was a sense that pressure was being exerted in this direction, the first witness in Deri's trial told the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

Shmuryahu Cohen, who headed the Jerusalem region in the Housing Ministry from 1975 to 1991, was testifying regarding an affair in the mid-1980s in which a company called Moreshet Binyamin sold land which was zoned as open space to religious families for resi-

dential construction. According to the indictment, Deri then used his influence to obtain alternative lands for these people, to protect Moreshet Binyamin from lawsuits.

Cohen said the company first asked him to change the zoning to allow construction on the lands it sold, but he refused. Nebi Samuel is one of the highest spots in the city, with a superb view, and the ministry wanted to preserve it for vacationers and tourists, he said. Sometime later, the company re-

turned to him with a map showing that the architect the ministry hired to plan the region had agreed to let them build on the lands in question. However, the ministry responded by firing the architect, Cohen said.

The ministry offered Moreshet Binyamin alternative lands at the foot of Nebi Samuel. Cohen added, but the company rejected the offer.

At that point, Deri, then an aide to then-interior minister Yitzhak Peretz, asked for an urgent meeting with Cohen, at which Co-

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Barak: Areas redeployment will endanger Israelis

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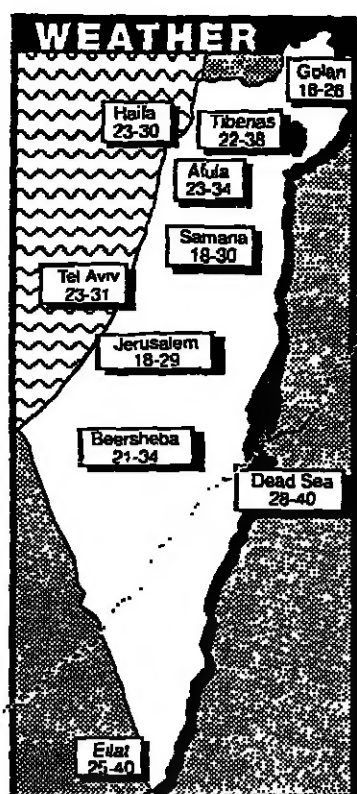
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BIRTH

COHEN - Born to Rachel and Neil Cohen, a daughter, on Elul 23 (August 30). Sister to Ya'ara, granddaughter to Edna Cohen and Sheila and Adrian Becker.

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's Palya Hatzak drawing, the holder of ticket number 445244 won NIS 1,000,000. The holder of ticket number 269500 won a Honda sports car. Tickets numbered 421104, 578828, 816825, 366392, 319370, 258093, 371151, 769133, 125214, 001804, 603722, 496591, 041920, 641181, 243492, 841980, 449015, 655720, 027582, 639188, 615223, 011057, 859787, 768412, 368019 and 361261 won NIS 5,000. Those tickets ending in 62247, 41128, 84370, 17629, 36723, 7743, 27519, 63273, 08063, 09348, 90548, 22339, 47133, 40466, 50149, 34115, 42149, 48680 and 29764 won NIS 1,000. Tickets ending in 636, 466, 817, and 229 won NIS 100. Tickets ending in 98, 73, 16 and 27 won NIS 20. Tickets ending in 37, 15, 26, 08, 51, 73 and 71 won NIS 10. Tickets ending in 6 won NIS 7. In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, king of hearts, jack of diamonds and ten of clubs.

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New school year opens with few hitches

MORE than 1.5 million pupils woke up early yesterday morning to hear that they would indeed return to studies despite a threatened teachers' strike. In an address marking the opening of the school year yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the government had allocated NIS 5.5 billion for education since the end of 1992. Rabin said investment in education had often come at the expense of further outlays for security but that the government had taken a calculated risk "because a good education is the basis for solving problems when people are older." Rabin said the outlay for education was second only to that of defense in accordance with the government's new order of priorities. The prime minister, accompanied by Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein, was speaking at the opening of a new junior high school in Yehud. "This is a happy occasion," Rabin continued, saying it had been marred only by the teachers' strike threats. The marathon talks with the two teachers unions had ended

BATSHEVA TSUR and Ilan

only at 3 a.m. when it was agreed that the Histadrut Teachers Union, whose members teach mainly in the elementary schools, would get a 40 percent increase and continue negotiating while opening the school year. The agreement has yet to be signed although the high school teachers' union has already initiated its agreement with the Treasury and the Education Ministry. Negotiators last night failed to reach a final agreement, and discussions are slated to continue on Sunday. For the most part, the school year opened without many serious incidents, the Education Ministry reported. However, 30 Ethiopian pupils from the Hatzot Yosef caravan site were turned away from a Kiryat Ata school on the grounds that they had not paid the education levy. An alternative arrangement was found and they began their studies immediately. Eight schools in the Wadi Ara region failed to open because of a dispute between the Interior Ministry and the Arab local councils.

Also, two schools in Daliat al-Carmel, one in Petah Tikva, and one in Holon remained closed because of administrative disputes and questions of distribution of pupils among classrooms. In Ashdod, 200 schoolchildren from an elementary school were kept home because their parents declared that their newly built school was not safe. In Jerusalem, dozens of schools were left with unarmed guards after the Interior Ministry failed to provide them with licenses for their weapons. A municipal official said the guards had been trained but that the weapons would be provided only next week. For first-graders at the Alva Jewish-Arab school in Ramle, there was a special treat. They were joined by President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, who came to stress the theme of this school year: peace. Weizman told the children that it was important to learn tolerance from an early age and expressed hope that the residents of the town would find the way to cope with the pain of the recent terror attack there.



Pupils at the Dar Jasar School in Bethlehem get acquainted with their books and teacher on the first day of school. (Brian Hendler)

New independent school curriculum for 400,000 Palestinian pupils

ON the first day of school, a Palestinian flag flew from the roof of Al-Asasiya Alif girls' school in Bethlehem - as it did over most other former government schools in the territories, which are now run by the Palestinian Authority. In theory, the Palestinians can now "nationalize" the Jordanian curriculum in use in their schools, which serve some 400,000 pupils, though few changes are expected this year. The Israeli authorities are empowered to intervene if the schools teach hostility to Israel or if pupils engage in disturbances that spill outside the school grounds. The 500 pupils at Al-Asasiya began the day by singing "Biladi, Biladi." ("My country, my country"), the Palestinian anthem. A photograph of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat hung on the wall of principal Buthena Rizaka's office, below another Palestinian flag. Another Arafat photograph lying on her desk was ready for hanging

in the corridor. By tomorrow, such symbols will become compulsory. Each day a teacher or a senior pupil is to give a short pep talk to the pupils after the anthem is sung in morning assembly. Pupils will also be required to sew a small Palestinian flag on the shoulder of their uniforms, the Al-Quds newspaper reported. Not all schools are bound by the new rules. Suleiman Nur, principal of the private Hope School in Beit Jalla, which is financed by western Christian donors, said he had no time for symbols. "I practice my love of country by educating young children," he said. Though no flag will fly on the school building, he does have a flag in his office, which he says has been there "for the past two years, when Israel banned them." His 100 pupils, mostly Chris-

tians, though there are some Muslims, will not sing the anthem except on national holidays. "Singing it each day is ridiculous. Where else do they do that?" he said. Nur said that though the Jordanian curriculum will not be changed this year, he would like to see swift changes in the teaching of geography and history, two subjects from which the Palestinian element was artificially excluded. "Geographically, Palestine is one unit," he said. "Jordanian textbooks tend to ignore the part which became Israel. History must tell us where the Palestinians came from, and about their relationship with the Jews through 3,000 years." He would also like to see civics courses educating for democracy, and vocational schools training youths for jobs in agriculture and industry, to cut the unemployment that currently faces graduates.

Arafat tells Ben-Eliezer fighting terror a 'challenge'

PLO leader Yasser Arafat said yesterday that he opposes every act of terrorism, including the double murder in Ramle, and intends to make every effort to put an end to terrorism and to capture the murderers. Arafat made this statement at a meeting with Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who visited him in Gaza. Ben-Eliezer, who was accompanied all the way to Arafat's office by a Palestinian Police motorcycle convoy, came at Arafat's request, and the two discussed security issues and terrorism. Ben-Eliezer said after the meeting that he had made it clear to Arafat that "going after the Ramle murderers would be an indication of the sincerity of Arafat's intentions. I told him that it is inconceivable that the murderers not be caught, and on this issue everything will either stand or fall." Arafat stated that he objects to any act of terrorism and intended to act to put an end to it, Ben-Eliezer reported, "and I was impressed that he meant it. I see it as a challenge," he said, over and over again. Arafat sent New Year greetings to Israelis. "Please convey my best

wishes to Prime Minister Rabin, to Mr. Peres and to the whole cabinet and to the Israeli people and say 'Shana Tova,'" Arafat said. Ben-Eliezer and Arafat devoted a considerable part of the conversation to economic issues, which the minister said "will be the cement that keeps the peace process together and without which it will all fall apart. There is close interaction between the economic and security aspects." Arafat asked Ben-Eliezer to allow more Palestinian workers into Israel and expressed keen interest in engaging in joint ventures, especially speedy construction. Ben-Eliezer promised to help as much as possible. Throughout the meeting Ben-Eliezer and Arafat addressed each other as "my friend," and at the luncheon in Ben-Eliezer's honor, Arafat chided him for still smoking despite the heart attack he suffered recently. Ben-Eliezer told The Jerusalem Post that "the atmosphere was excellent and the visit extremely constructive and successful. I got the feeling that it did him good to have an Israeli minister visit him, and he was happy about it."

3 killed in road accidents

AMIR ROZENBLIT and Ilan THREE people were killed - including a small child - and four seriously injured in three road accidents yesterday evening. At about 8:40 p.m., an Egged bus traveling in Dimona hit and killed a three-year-old boy. Also yesterday, five-year-old Yosef Abu Sabib, hit by a car while running across a street in Dimona on Wednesday, died of his injuries. In the Western Galilee, one person was killed and three people were seriously injured in an accident on the Deir el-Assad-Kibbutz Kishur road. The accident occurred when two cars collided head-on on the road after one car veered out of its lane. Ambulances evacuated the dead and injured to Nahariya Government Hospital. At the northern exit of Beersheba, the driver of a car was killed when his vehicle veered into the opposite lane and collided with a truck. Another truck then tried to stop but crashed into the first truck. Roman Weinstein, 38, of Beersheba was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extracted by rescue workers. Four people were injured in the two trucks, two seriously and the other two moderately. The victims were all brought to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. (Itan)

Gaza land dealer and his son killed by Palestinians in drive-by shooting

PALESTINIAN gunmen shot dead a wealthy Gaza land dealer and his son in a drive-by shooting yesterday. The attack occurred in the Rimal neighborhood near a police station. When police responded to the sound of shots they too came under fire from the fleeing gunman who escaped, according to eyewitness reports. Yosef Al-Mahini, 53, died in Shifa Hospital after the attack. His son, Majdi, 25, died on the spot. Palestinian sources said Al-Mahini was unpopular because he had bought land cheaply from desperate Palestinians who were expelled from Persian Gulf countries during the Gulf War. Since they had left Gaza before 1967 and did not have identity papers permitting them to return, they were in tight financial straits with nowhere to go, when Al-Mahini approached them in Egypt and Jordan. Al-Mahini then sold the land at a huge profit incurring many enemies. He had two sons who were believed to be involved in their father's land deals. But his youngest son, Majdi, who was killed yesterday, was considered respectable. In another development, the last four of about 30

Hamas activists who were arrested in connection with the two attacks on Israelis at Kisanuf junction 19 days ago, were released yesterday, police said. They were held because of alleged links with Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas. Their release had been expected as police said they had found no evidence against them. Near al-Funduk, a Nabulus-area village close to several Jewish settlements, an Arab youth was moderately wounded by bullets fired from an Israeli car yesterday. Initial reports indicated he had been throwing stones at Israeli vehicles, the IDF said. The Israeli driver was later detained for questioning by police. Noam Federman, the Kach activist released from six months administrative detention three days ago, is to remain under night curfew in his Hebron home from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., according to an order by OC Central command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran. Federman had threatened to continue vigilante actions in Arab villages after his release. Biran signed an order releasing another activist Shmuel Ben-Ya'acov on Sunday in time for Rosh Hashana.

High Court rejects petition to open Machpela Cave for High Holy Days

THE High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition to open the Machpela Cave for the High Holy Days, saying there are security reasons that justify the closure of the site for another two to three months. The petition was filed by Hebron settlement activist Noam Arnon and a committee representing Jews who pray regularly in the cave. They claim their religious rights were being violated by the continual closure of the cave. The cave has been closed since the massacre there in February. Justice Aharon Barak, who headed a three-judge panel that included Justices Ya'acov Kedmi and Gavriel Bach, said in the decision that sometimes there is no other choice but to restrict individual freedom. After the decision, Arnon said he will not give up the fight to get the government to reopen the cave, and that next week's Rosh Hashana services will be held outside it. Herb Keiron

MOROCCO

(Continued from Page One) Shlomo Bar, a musician who has championed the cause of Jews of Moroccan descent, said ties with Morocco will foster "a cultural revolution," with many Israelis rediscovering roots. Some 600,000 Israelis are of Moroccan origin. Morocco is also planning to host a Middle East economic cooperation conference in October, in which most countries in the region, including Israel, and thousands of companies, are to participate. Rabin said a Moroccan envoy visited Israel two weeks ago to inform him of Rabat's decision. "I gave him a positive answer in principle on the spot, and insisted the representation in Gaza would be a liaison office, without any consular or diplomatic status," he said. Media reports said Morocco's King Hassan II decided on the move because he wants to play a role in determining the future of the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem. Hassan, who claims descent from the Prophet Mohammed, heads the Islamic Conference Organization's committee on Jerusalem.

DERI

(Continued from Page One) ben explained the Housing Ministry's stand. Deri then said "he was involved in the activities of the Lev Banim Yeshiva, whose families had purchased most of the lands," Cohen said. "Deri said that if the Housing Ministry did not approve construction [there], it would cause great distress [to the families]," Cohen said. But when lead prosecutor Yehoshua Resnick asked him what Deri had asked him for, Cohen responded: "He didn't ask me for anything." Resnick next asked what Cohen thought the meeting was designed to achieve. "I understood that the purpose of the meeting was for Deri to learn the Housing Ministry's position from up close," Cohen said, but then added, "I understood that there was a connection between [Deri's visit and Moresheet Binyamin's efforts]." "Moresheet Binyamin's representatives had told me they have ways to change the decision," he added, but the court, at Avi-Yitzhak's objection, prevented him

from giving details on the grounds that it was hearsay evidence. Some time after his meeting with Deri, Cohen recommended that Moresheet Binyamin be given alternative lands, either in nearby Har Shmuel or in Har Adar. When Resnick asked him why, he replied: "I understood that if the land [in Nebi Samuel] remained in the hands of Moresheet Binyamin or the purchasers, someone was likely to approve building [on them] one day," he said. "I felt that there were pressures that someone day we wouldn't be able to stand against." "Alternative lands aren't a very accepted procedure," he added, saying he "couldn't remember another such case." Cohen said an attorney for Moresheet Binyamin had repeatedly told him that Deri was "very interested in the [alternative lands] project" and wanted it to succeed. Avi-Yitzhak will begin cross-examining Cohen on Sunday, and estimates that he will spend three days doing so. Deri calm, judge tense, Page 3

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BARAK

(Continued from Page One) eral Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak told The Jerusalem Post in a special interview to be fully published on Monday, Rosh Hashana eve. Barak said that redeployment during the elections, stipulated in the Oslo Declaration of Principles, would expose the main roads passing through Jenin, Ramallah, Nabulus and Kalkiya, all of which lack bypass roads. The Chief of Staff also said that the qualitative edge that Israel enjoyed in the past is offset by Arab armies receiving comparable or similar systems.

BEN-YAIR

(Continued from Page One) the sale of participation certificates could legally be taxed under existing law - even if the fund mainly invests in bonds and treasury bills, whose profits cannot be taxed under current law - since the investor is selling his certificate, not the actual bonds. However, Ben-Yair said, it would be better for the government to give discounts on the taxes paid by investors in such funds, so that they would not be discriminated against with respect to people

who invest directly in bonds or treasury bills. Israel Radio reported last night that as a result of Ben-Yair's ruling, the Treasury was considering amending its proposal for the tax on capital gains. Officials are now proposing to impose the new tax only on newly issued bonds, without affecting the tax-exempt status of already issued bonds that are traded in the capital market. Jose Rosenfeld contributed to this report.



MK Aryeh Deri appears at the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

(Isaac Harari)

Deri's lawyers continue procedural juggling

EVELYN GORDON

THERE was a curious reversal of roles in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday, with defendant Aryeh Deri relaxed and smiling, while head judge Ya'acov Zemah was visibly tense and irritable. Zemah frequently snapped angrily at attorneys for both sides, during a hearing interrupted every few minutes by procedural objections.

The trial opened yesterday with attorney Pinna Devorin announcing that she was replacing attorney Haim Liran as the lawyer for two of Deri's co-defendants, Moshe and Arye Weinberg. However, Devorin said, she had a prior commitment from October 12-18, so she asked that hearings not take place during that time.

"It is inconceivable that the court be shut down for half a month, for any reason," Zemah responded angrily.

Deri's lawyer, Dan Avi-Yitzhak, then created a stir by saying that in his professional opinion, he was unable to properly cross-examine witnesses because he did not have time to sufficiently study the large volume of material, and therefore had not intended to do

so. Deri's second lawyer, Amnon Zichroni, was not present at all. However, Avi-Yitzhak continued, he had changed his mind after Deri said he wanted cross-examination for the sake of his public image; otherwise, the public would perceive it as a trick. Avi-Yitzhak also said he still wants to quit if possible, and is considering asking the High Court of Justice to rehear his request with an expanded panel of justices.

Attorney Gilad Bloi, representing the third co-defendant, Yom-Tov Rubin, then complained that the prosecution had given him additional material only on Wednesday. "We are done with the business of the evidential material," responded Zemah furiously. "This issue is not going to occupy this court any more."

However, the issue did occupy the court again when head prosecutor Yehoshua Shmariya tried to see one of these new documents, which Avi-Yitzhak said he had never seen at all. Zemah and

Judges Miriam Naor and Moussia Arad agreed that Avi-Yitzhak was correct in saying such a document was inadmissible, and rejected Resnick's argument that it contained no new information.

"How does such a thing happen [that you didn't give it to the defense]?" Naor demanded.

Avi-Yitzhak continued to demand to see each document as it was presented, to see if he wanted to object; to solve the problem, the judges finally ordered Resnick to present Avi-Yitzhak with a list of all the day's documents a few days in advance.

Avi-Yitzhak also frequently objected that what witness Shmariya Cohen was saying was pure hearsay.

"If there's a decision that all hearsay testimony is acceptable, okay," he said at one point, adding that otherwise, he would have to continue objecting. However, the judges ruled that Cohen should basically be allowed to say what he pleased; if it turned out to be hearsay, they would ignore it when reaching a verdict, they said.

Study points to high suicide rate among Ethiopian immigrants

Profile of potential suicide very different to general population

JUDY SIEGEL

THE suicide rate among Ethiopian immigrants is three to six times that of the general Israeli population, according to a recent study.

It also found that the typical person who commits suicide among the Ethiopian immigrant community is a relatively young man, married but with marital difficulties, who appears depressed but doesn't express suicidal intent and often visits his family doctor.

This profile is very different from suicides in other immigrant groups and of Israelis in general.

A case study of the 49 Ethiopian immigrants who committed suicide between January 1983 and September 1992 was conducted by Ariel Arieli, Yitzhak Gilat and Sefat Aychel of the Lev Hasharon Mental Health Center in Netanya.

The researchers, who interviewed close relatives of the deceased and studied detailed welfare records, published their findings in the latest issue of *Harufim*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association.

It was impossible to interview immigrants who attempted suicide, because almost none survived, and very few left suicide notes, but the technique of "psychological autopsy" was effective in understanding their cases, said the authors.

They were not aware of other suicide-related research based on psychological autopsies in any other immigrant population worldwide.

Except for 1989, when the number of suicides was lower, the suicide rate was hundreds of percent higher than that in the

general Jewish population which is six to eight per 100,000.

The authors suggest that the great "acculturation stress" on the immigrants, which is "unprecedented" among all the immigrant groups in Israel, is responsible for the "serious demoralization" among those newcomers suffering from psychopathology.

Responses to detailed questionnaires by relatives showed that most of those who committed suicide had been much more dissatisfied than a control group of Ethiopian olim regarding work and their status as citizens.

Surprisingly, the suicides were much less likely to have suffered trauma before reaching Israel than the control group. The most frequent reason giv-

en by relatives for men's suicides was marital troubles and "disappointment with institutions" among the women.

Six out of 10 killed themselves by hanging, and most of the rest by jumping from heights.

Men were twice as likely to commit suicide as women, and two-thirds of the victims were younger than 40.

Married men often didn't fit in vocationally or socially in their new country, while their wives accurately better.

The men's sense of helplessness and reduced status can lead to wife abuse.

In Ethiopia, such women could get the protection of her parents' home, but here this is nearly impossible. Thus, say the researchers, she remains at home and the quarrels intensify; in the end, the woman may kill herself.

New disease control center opened at Sheba Hospital

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Israel Center for Disease Control, which will help set policies on disease prevention and promoting health, was opened yesterday at Sheba Hospital.

The center, led by Prof. Manfred Green, will study trends in health habits, morbidity and mortality, pinpoint problems and propose to policy makers various ways of coping with them.

The opening ceremony - held not at Sheba but at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin - was attended by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, and included a seminar on disease control and prevention. Sneh called the new center an "important innovation" in the country's health system.

The ICDC will be in close contact with various ministry departments, as well as national councils and other institutions relating to health. In addition to the director, the staff will include an epidemiologist and a statistician. In addition, senior physicians in academic institutions will take

professional responsibility for various fields, including infectious diseases, aging, cancer, cardiovascular diseases, trauma, perinatology and occupational disorders.

Existing data banks, and new ones in the process of being established, will help the staff keep their finger on the pulse of disease in Israel. They will be able to keep track of the number of patients with heart attacks, low-birth-weight and premature infants, accident victims and work accidents.

The ICDC will initiate periodic national health surveys to identify health problems in the population, test residents' views and information on health issues, and monitor their risk-taking behavior and use of health services.

Dr. Yehoshua Shemer, chairman of the National Trauma Council, said that traumatic injury, including accidents on the road, at home, school and work was the most frequent cause of death here up to the age of 65.

Woman reunited with nurse who saved her at Bergen Belsen

DAVID RUDGE

HOLOCAUST survivor Alice Raphael is today due to be reunited with the Red Cross worker who nearly 50 years ago literally dragged her from the dead and helped nurse her back to life.

Raphael, who lives in Haifa, was barely 16 when British troops liberated the Bergen Belsen concentration camp in Germany in the Spring of 1945.

She remembers nothing of the actual liberation because she had been presumed dead and lay among a pile of bodies outside one of the huts of the camp.

Red Cross workers, among them nurse Hanny Siegenthaler (nee Huber), found that one of the bodies was still moving.

Siegenthaler pulled the youngster - who was racked by illness and starvation, and barely alive - from the gruesome pile.

"They thought I was a young child because I was like a skeleton, but I was actually nearly 16," said Raphael, a retired dental hygienist.

"Hanny came to visit me often at the hospital and on one occasion asked me if there was anything special that I would like. I asked for a glass of milk, something I hadn't seen or tasted for so long."

"I think she took some of her own powdered milk - even that was in short supply - to give me. I was so happy to see a glass of milk."

It makes me cry even now remembering," said Raphael.

She went to Sweden and from there wrote to Hanny and received a letter in reply which she kept. The letter, with the address of Hanny's home village in Switzerland, was to prove instrumental in tracing the former Red Cross nurse to her home in California nearly 50 years later.

The renewed contact came about through Raphael's voluntary work for the House of Grace, a home in downtown Haifa which runs a program for rehabilitating prisoners, helping battered women and providing shelter for the homeless of all religions.

The home, which is financed by donations, is run by Camille Shehade, a Greek Catholic and his Swiss-born wife Agnes Bieger, near the Greek Catholic Church.

"My husband and I were writing our memoirs for daughters and grandchildren and I decided to show Agnes the letter I had received back in 1945 from Hanny," said Raphael, who immigrated here with her husband Ze'ev in 1955. The couple have two daughters and three grandchildren.

"It transpired that Agnes's father or grandfather had been born in the same small town in Switzerland and within two weeks I received the address of Hanny who it turned out was now living in California with her husband."

Agriculture Ministry to help Palestinians pinpoint pollution

LIAT COLLINS

THE Agriculture Ministry will help the Palestinian Authority check for the source of pollution in agricultural produce.

At a meeting yesterday between Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur and Muhammad El-Rais, director general of the PA's agriculture department, the two agreed to cooperate on a number of measures to prevent contaminated produce from reaching Israel and to locate the source of the problem.

The meeting was urgently convened following the Health Ministry's warning that a large number of bacteria had been found in vegetables from Gaza.

The chief veterinarians and members of Israeli and Palestinian wildlife protection bodies also

took part in the meeting.

El-Rais denied Israeli allegations that Gaza farmers water their fields with sewage. If there are above acceptable levels of bacteria in produce, the source is in groundwater and wells which have been polluted by the sewage from Gaza City and the nearby refugee camps, he said.

He also said that tests show abnormal quantities of bacteria in lettuce and celery, but these vegetables are not being marketed outside Gaza at present, adding that apparently these contaminated vegetables came from Israeli farmers. Israeli farmers have denied that it is their produce that

carries the pollutants.

El-Rais described the issue as "a very serious one" as the same water source is used for irrigating fields and drinking water.

Experts from both sides are expected to jointly collect water samples and examine the irrigation system in the Gaza Strip in the coming days.

If polluted water is found, the experts will help the Palestinian Authority agricultural workers establish a filter system.

Tsur and El-Rais have met several times in the past but this was the first time the heads of the Palestinian Agriculture Department visited the minister's office in Tel Aviv.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospitals report August baby boom

A total of 923 babies were born in August at Soroka Hospital. The overcrowding at the maternity ward got so bad that many mothers were sent to Ashdod's Ben-Zion Hospital and to hospitals in the center of the country.

Some 10,000 babies are born at Soroka annually, about 40 percent of them to Bedouin women, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Last month was also busy at Shaare Zedek Hospital, which had 518 births - the most ever born in a Jerusalem hospital in a single month. The 500th baby, born to Shaare Zedek nurse Ayala Zaken and her husband Aviezer, was given a party yesterday by hospital management to mark the occasion.

Amir Rozenblit

Health Ministry gets new associate head

Dr. Boaz Lev was yesterday named associate director-general of the Health Ministry, replacing Dr. Yehoshua Shemer, who is leaving to become chief medical officer of the Israel Defense Forces.

Lev, 46, studied medicine at Tel Aviv University medical school and combined clinical and academic work with research and medical administration in the military. His current post is deputy IDF chief medical officer.

MDA continues fund drive for Rwandans

Magen David Adom's fund for Rwandan refugees will continue to collect donations until after the holidays. MDA said NIS 194,800 has been collected - NIS 80,000 of it from Christian donors in Berlin who wanted to express their admiration for Israel's life-saving efforts in the refugee camps.

In October, the fund will be closed and the Foreign Ministry will forward the proceeds to help the refugees in Goma on the Zairean border. Those who want to contribute may send money to Bank Leumi's Yad Eliahu branch (number 814), 64 Derech Moshe Dayan, Tel Aviv, account number 280000/07.

The IDF team sent to Rwanda six weeks ago returned to Israel last night. The field hospital will continue to operate under the patronage of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Ben-Gurion to break record this year

The Airports Authority expects a record number of six million passengers to pass through Ben-Gurion Airport by the end of 1994, the authority announced yesterday.

Over 800,000 passengers used the airport during the month of August, an increase of 18 percent compared with August 1993. During the first eight months of this year over four million passengers passed through the terminal.

Flu-like illness grounds air force cadets

Scores of air force cadets have been grounded by attacks of diarrhea and vomiting, military sources said yesterday.

"In the last seven days about 80 air force cadets... complained of diarrhea, vomiting and fever, therefore training was stopped," an official said.

"One cadet was hospitalized for checks and released after a day; the rest were treated at a military clinic," she added.

The official stressed that only one group of cadets was affected, and added that the outbreak was being investigated.

Reuter

Construction workers to receive pay increase

The Histadrut and the construction workers union reached an agreement yesterday with the Contractors Association whereby workers will receive a 21 percent pay increase in two payments.

The workers will receive a 10% raise retroactive to August and another 11% in January. The agreement between the sides will be valid until 1996.

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US, N. Korea to consider opening diplomatic missions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has agreed to talk to North Korea next week in Pyongyang about establishing diplomatic ties with the hard-line Communist regime.

State Department officials said yesterday that the negotiations, apparently the first ever with the United States in the North Korean capital, would concern arrangements to set up liaison offices in the two capitals.

That would be a major step toward diplomatic recognition. Liaison offices provide for diplomatic contact. The Nixon administration, for instance, established liaison offices to end decades of icy distance from China. Later former President Jimmy Carter's administration established full ties with Beijing.

The White House minimized the announcement, saying no decision has been made about opening liaison offices or helping North Korea replace the nuclear reactor. Press secretary Dee Dee Myers said the group in Pyongyang will only discuss "technical matters" about

opening offices, such as rent and mail service.

"We would be willing to discuss ways to improve economic and political relations, but only in the context of broader nuclear issues," she told reporters at President Clinton's vacation site in Edgartown, Mass.

Michael McCurry, the State Department spokesman, said, "We don't attach symbolic significance" to the Pyongyang meeting. But he said he would acknowledge that North Korea might.

McCurry also said opening liaison offices was "conditional on an overall agreement" on North Korea's nuclear program.

At the same time as the meeting in Pyongyang, the two sides will meet in Berlin on replacing a five-megawatt experimental reactor, part of North Korea's suspect nuclear program, with new technology considered less dangerous.

Both meetings will be held September 10 against a backdrop of North Korean promises to maintain a freeze of the

program, which US government analysts believe already has produced one or two nuclear weapons.

State Department officials said the Berlin meeting will also deal with ways to safely store the spent fuel from the North Korean reactor and to provide North Korea with energy temporarily during a period of conversion to light-water reactors.

The North Koreans have insisted they need their experimental reactor to produce electricity. But the United States and some Asian governments suspect it is part of an ambitious program to develop nuclear weapons.

The two sides held their last round of talks in August in Geneva, Switzerland. It was disclosed subsequently that the reactor at the Yongbyon complex might be restarted if a deal was not struck for two Western-style replacements.

The agreement in Geneva maintained the freeze pledged by North Korea in July and monitored by inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Cuba, US open talks on outpouring of refugees

NEW YORK (AP) — Desperate to halt the flood of Cuban rafters heading toward Florida, US officials met yesterday with a Cuban delegation but refused to broaden the talks to cover wider relations between the two nations.

The talks, which began at 9 a.m., were expected to continue in the afternoon at the US mission and possibly today. There was no word on progress.

They were convened after more than 19,000 Cubans fled their homeland in the past month. The raft-based exodus began when Cuban President Fidel Castro responded to August 5 riots in Havana by suggesting he would no longer stop those trying to leave.

Michael Skol, the chief US delegate at the talks, told reporters he expected serious talks on migration.

"We know it is in their interest, as well as in the interest of the United States, to establish a firm system of legal, safe and orderly migration from Cuba, to replace what is happening now, which is dangerous, chaotic and unsafe migration," said Skol, a deputy assistant secretary of state.

Before the talks began yesterday, he rejected suggestions that they might cover broader political topics, like lifting the devastating, 32-year-old economic embargo against the Caribbean island.

Cuba seeks broader political talks. "I've got a briefing book here," Skol told reporters, "and it is on migration issues only. There's nothing here about embargo, about economics, or about anything else. Tabs A through M: all migration."

On Wednesday, Coast Guard and US Navy ships picked up 2,159 Cubans trying to reach the United States in rickety rowboats, homemade rafts and sailboats. They were taken to the Navy's base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Dozens more refugees were picked up yesterday morning.

Cuba's delegate, Ricardo Alarcon, had no comment as he entered the US mission, which is across First Avenue

from the UN building and protected by a police booth and concrete barriers to keep car bombers away.

As he left for the talks, Alarcon told Cuba's state radio Wednesday that the only way to stop the exodus was for the United States to end its economic embargo against Cuba.

"All they have to do is change that basic issue," said Alarcon, a former foreign minister and one of Castro's most trusted foreign policy advisers.

Alarcon, also Cuba's former UN ambassador, was instrumental in engineering a nonbinding decision in the General Assembly two years ago to deplore the expanded US embargo. Even some key US allies joined in repudiating the US effort to strangle the Cuban economy and said the US embargo was a violation of free trade and navigation.

Cuba has said the refugees are fleeing for economic and not political reasons, but US officials have blamed Cuba's communist policies for the country's economic hardships.

Officials argue over seriousness of fire at Russian nuclear plant

MOSCOW (AP) — In a dispute underscoring the disarray in Russia's nuclear industry, officials argued yesterday over the seriousness of a fire at a notorious nuclear processing plant.

The fire at the Mayak plant, which has a long history of accidents and contamination, released radioactive gases into the atmosphere on Wednesday.

"It was a very unpleasant and grave incident, which, according to the preliminary reports, can be qualified as level three," said Yuri Rogozhin, a spokesman for the regulatory agency Gosatomnadzor.

"It was at least level three," said Lika Galkina, of the environmental group Greenpeace.

According to the seven-level International Nuclear Events Scale, this is an accident with major contamination and overexposure of workers at the site.

Western environmentalists and nuclear officials are worried about the safety and security of Russia's nuclear installations.

The prized nuclear industry has been in decline since the 1991 Soviet collapse. Workers have staged strikes demanding back wages, security is said to be lax and accidents appear to be on the rise. There have been several seizures in Germany recently of weapons-grade material suspected to have come from Russia.

Officials at the Mayak plant and at the Nuclear Power Ministry, which runs it, insisted yesterday that there was no serious contamination or worker exposure.

"The incident was a minor one, and it's totally wrong to qualify it as level three," said ministry spokesman Vitaly Nasonov.

The fire erupted in a shop at the plant in Ozyorsk, formerly the secret city of Chelyabinsk-65, 1,500 kilometers east of Moscow in the Ural Mountains.

Mayak, created in the late 1940s to make plutonium for nuclear bombs, is now used to disassemble and reprocess nuclear fuel rods from power stations.

Plant officials said a fuel rod's protective coating caught fire during reprocessing. Machines were automatically switched off and the fire was quickly extinguished, they said.

A small amount of radioactive gases comprising 4.36 percent of the annual permissible volume escaped into the atmosphere through plant filters, said a Mayak document quoted by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

"The concentration of radioactive gases could indeed be high around the shop's roof, but this kind of substances remain dangerous only for a couple of days," said Nasonov.

But Galkina, of Greenpeace, said the release had been evaluated only on the amount of cesium-137 it contained. She said it was still not clear whether far more dangerous plutonium also was released, or if anyone was exposed to plutonium.

Astronomers claim to observe 'faster-than-light' object

NEW YORK (AP) — Astronomers said yesterday that they had found the first example in our galaxy of matter that appeared to be doing the impossible by going faster than light.

The blob of matter was really going at about 92 percent of the speed of light, researchers say. That's still a record for the galaxy.

The faster-than-light illusion has been spotted several times before outside the Milky Way galaxy. But since the new example is closer than previous ones, further study might help scientists confirm their understanding of the illusion, researchers said.

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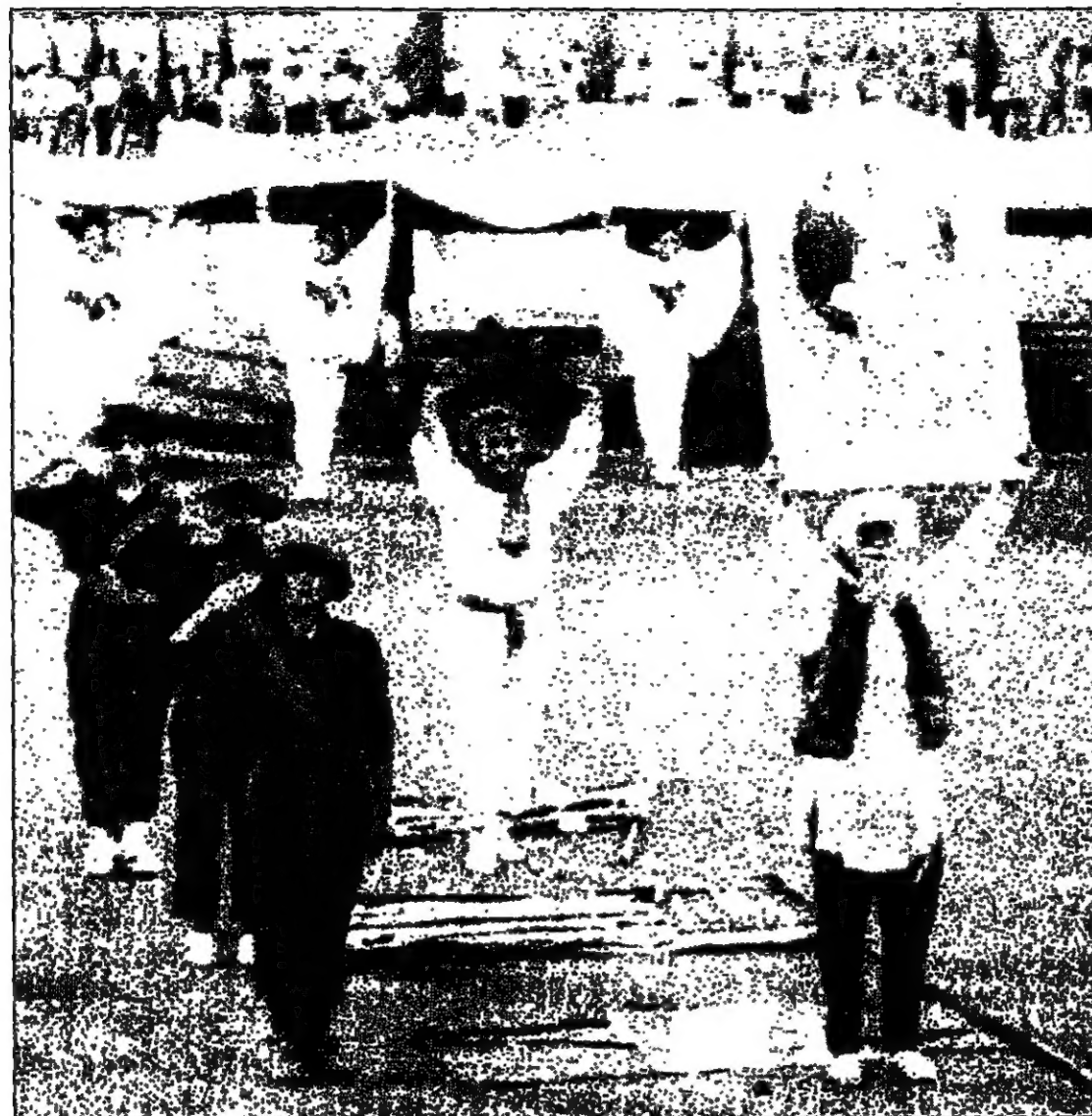
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Libyans carrying a photograph of their leader, Muammar Gaddafi, march over British, French and American flags in a parade marking his 25 years in office. (Reuters)

Anti-Western parade marks Gaddafi's 25 years in power

TRIPOLI (Reuters) — One thousand tanks rumbled past and jet fighters roared overhead as Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi celebrated 25 years in power yesterday with a show of defiance against Western sanctions.

In military uniform, Gaddafi, now 52, watched the 1½ hour parade along Tripoli's seafont accompanied by the presidents of Algeria, Sudan, Chad, Mali and the Comoros Islands.

All had to travel to Libya by land or sea because of UN sanctions imposed on Libya for its refusal to hand over for trial two men suspected of involvement in the 1988 bombing of a Pan-Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland.

A Russian correspondent counted 1,000 Soviet-made T-55 and T-75 tanks rolling by, churning up the road.

About 100 Soviet-made MIG fighters and French Mirages also flew by but it was not clear whether some planes made more than one pass.

No missiles or sophisticated weapons were on display. Nor were there uniformed units of the regular Libyan army which was replaced in 1989 by the "Armed People."

Only cadets of the army academies and commando units of the "Green Guards of the Revolution"

marched past Gaddafi and visiting Arab and African heads of state and delegations.

No visiting Western dignitaries were to be seen. Notable absentees at the celebrations were Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, Tunisia's Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali, King Hassan of Morocco and Syria's Hafez Assad.

All attended the 20th anniversary celebrations but were represented this time by delegations at a ministerial level.

Also absent from the celebrations was PLO leader Yasser Arafat, a regular guest at past anniversary celebrations. Arafat, whose self-rule deal with Israel has angered Libya and Palestinian Arab radicals, was not invited for the first time.

Defiance of the West, which is locked in a dispute with Libya over the 1988 airliner bombing, was the dominant theme of the celebrations.

Banners in the capital Tripoli proclaimed: "No to the blockade, Yes to the challenge" and "Our determination is bigger than the blockade."

On Wednesday night, Gaddafi and the presidents of Algeria, Sudan and Chad attended a rally in Tripoli's main stadium during which young Libyans carrying a portrait of their leader marched over US, British and French flags.

Police arrest North Africans linked to Morocco tourist murder

PARIS (AP) — Acting on orders of France's top anti-terrorism judge, police yesterday arrested at least 27 Algerian and Moroccan immigrants linked to suspects in the recent murder of two Spanish tourists in Morocco.

Authorities said Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere ordered the sweep on the basis of information provided by Moroccan police following the arrest of four suspects in an August 24 murder-robbery at a hotel in Marrakech, Morocco.

Police searched dozens of residences in the Orleans and Paris regions, seizing Islamic tracts and documents from the homes of some suspects, according to informed sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Those arrested were accused of association with a terrorist operation, suggesting that Moroccan police believed the suspects in the Marrakech incident were terrorists.

Police in both Morocco and France have cracked down in recent weeks on alleged supporters of Moslem fundamentalist militants in Algeria waging a bombing and assassination campaign to overthrow the army-backed government.

The four suspects in the Marrakech attack have been identified as Algerians or Moroccans living in France.

In the aftermath of the Marrakech attack, Morocco imposed visa requirements for citizens of neighboring Algeria. The move angered the Algerian government, which closed the border with Morocco, and Algeria's most radical Islamic group, which threatened Morocco with holy war unless the visa restrictions were withdrawn.

The warning came from the Armed Islamic Group, which is believed responsible for killing 58 foreigners in Algeria in the past year.

Several thousand Algerians also have died during the fundamentalist insurgency, which began in January 1992 when the army thwarted an Islamic party from winning elections.

France's interior minister, Charles Pasqua, yesterday defended his decision to expel 20 suspected sympathizers of Algerian extremists. The 20 were flown Wednesday to the impoverished West African nation of Burkina Faso, where they were under guard at an Ouagadougou hotel.

Panama's new president takes office

PANAMA CITY (Reuters) — Ernesto Perez Balladares took office as president of Panama yesterday, becoming the country's first freely-elected leader in nearly three decades.

Perez Balladares, a 48-year-old banker whose politics are described as a left-of-center, took over from outgoing President Guillermo Endara, who was installed during the 1989 US invasion of Panama that ousted strongman Manuel Noriega and ended more than 20 years of military rule.

The US-educated Perez Balladares led a remarkable return to power of the Democratic Revolutionary Party, which supported Noriega. He narrowly defeated the candidate from Endara's party in May elections.

Perez Balladares, known in Panama as "Toro," or bull, for his large build, hugged Endara after taking the formal oath of office and then donned the presidential sash in a ceremony attended by dignitaries from some 40 nations.

Castro may opt for war with US, study says

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Cuban President Fidel Castro may opt for war with the United States if he is backed into a corner, a study prepared for the Pentagon and released Wednesday said.

The study by RAND, a research organization in Santa Monica, California, was completed last spring and anticipated the anti-government demonstrations and refugee exodus of recent weeks.

It said Castro, perhaps Latin America's most influential leader of the 20th century, was unlikely to accept a forced resignation because it would tarnish his place in history.

"Castro is not likely to give up power voluntarily; and if cornered he might fight to the death," said the report, titled "Storm Warnings for Cuba" and paid for by the office of Defense Secretary William Perry.

"With his regime at the point of unraveling, Castro might try to engineer a final military reckoning with the United States in a Gortendammerung-type scenario that could leave Cuba destroyed but would confirm his legacy as Latin America's staunchest anti-imperialist," it said.

Gortendammerung is German for twilight of the Gods, in a mythic story, going out in a flame of

glory. "Such a scenario is not far-fetched," added the study. "It conforms not only to the value that Castro places on struggle, intransigence and defiance, but also the way he and past Cuban leaders have exalted the acts of death and martyrdom on behalf of the nation."

The report said Castro might seek a clash with the United States over the Florida straits, which separate Florida and Cuba by 145 kilometers or over Guantanamo Bay, the US naval base on Cuba's southeast shore.

It said his grip on power remained firm, with the Communist party apparatus, military and security organs "largely in the hands of hard-line officers."

Clinton administration officials have said they are not committed to ousting Castro, who has been a thorn in the flesh of every US president since Dwight Eisenhower.

Instead, US officials say, they tightened a 31-year-old US trade embargo against Cuba this month to force Castro toward meaningful economic and political reforms.

The RAND report's authors, Edward Gonzalez and David Ronfeldt, concluded that such reforms were highly unlikely while Castro remains in power.

France criticizes US over lifting arms embargo to Bosnian Moslems

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — France yesterday criticized US-led moves to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia's Moslem government if Bosnian Serbs do not agree to a peace plan.

French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said lifting the embargo to supply weapons to the more lightly-armed Bosnian army to help them tackle their better equipped Serb foes would be tantamount to "washing our hands" of ex-Yugoslavia.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe told a conference of French diplomats, in a pointed reference to US policy, that "those which view the lifting of the arms embargo as a panacea must be clearly aware of the responsibility they take in pushing it."

US President Bill Clinton, under pressure from Congress, intends to ask the Security Council to lift the UN arms embargo against the Bosnian government unless Serbs accept a Big Power peace plan by October 15.

European powers with troops on UN duty in Bosnia have said they will pull out their forces if the embargo is lifted, arguing that fighting will increase and endanger the safety of their soldiers.

UN peacekeeping officials warn that could cause the humanitarian aid effort to collapse, leave isolated Moslem enclaves in eastern Bosnia at the mercy of Serb attacks and plunge Sarajevo back into total siege.

On Wednesday, Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic sharply criticized Britain and France for opposing lifting the arms embargo, saying the two had done the most of any government to lock in the military superiority of the Serbs.

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TV shake up in US looks likely

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Speculation mounted yesterday that two US television networks, CBS and NBC, will be taken over by entertainment companies, moves that would reshape network television by tying the two to Hollywood.

CBS Inc.'s stock bounced upward on talk that the Walt Disney Co. was seeking a merger. Although the rumors had been rampant for weeks, they gained new currency with reports of talks between the two companies.

CBS was up \$7.67 to \$329 on the New York Stock Exchange in morning trade.

There was also a rumor - given weight by a front page story in the *New York Times* yesterday - that Time Warner Inc. would shell out an estimated \$2.5 billion for the NBC broadcast network as well as cable interests.

Robert Wright, president of NBC, said in a telephone interview with Reuters Wednesday that the report was "gratifying."

That story is not accurate. But Wright declined to discuss the nature of any inaccuracies or talks that are occurring among the two companies.

Variety, the entertainment industry trade paper, said studio and network officials may meet with Federal Communications Commission chairman Reed Hundt to discuss the feasibility of such a transaction.

Reached late Wednesday, Hundt said he had heard the same rumors but was unaware of any official proposal or meeting with NBC and Time Warner executives, Variety said.

Hollywood studios currently are barred from owning networks, but the regulations are easing.

Networks are banned from participating fully in the television syndication business, although those regulations are scheduled to lapse in November 1995, probably after the conclusion of any such transaction.

Judge sets O.J. Simpson's trial date back one week

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Superior Court Judge Lance Ito on Wednesday delayed by one week from September 19 to 26 the start of jury selection in the trial of football great O.J. Simpson on charges of killing his ex-wife and her friend.

In a day of fast moving developments, Ito also refused to hand over detectives' personnel records to Simpson's defense team, saying there was nothing in them that was pertinent or relevant to Simpson's trial.

And Deputy District Attorney William Hodgman said no decision had been made by a panel of senior members of the district attorney's office on whether to seek the death penalty in the event of a guilty verdict.

He promised that the decision would be made before September 19. The prosecution had previously said a decision would be made by the end of August.

Under California law, a defendant has the right to a speedy trial within 60 days of arraignment. Those 60 days will expire on September 21 and Ito had previously set the date for the start of the trial for September 19.

But as that date has drawn nearer, Ito has become increasingly concerned that the results of vital DNA tests on blood taken from the murder scene and from Simpson's estate would not be ready in time.

In order to present arguments on whether to admit the DNA evidence, it would be necessary to know the results of the tests and whether the prosecution proposed to submit them as evidence, Ito said.

Meanwhile, Ito scheduled the next hearing for September 19, when he will begin hearing various pretrial motions.

The judge earlier said that he intended to take a two-week vacation, starting next Monday, which had been scheduled for two years.

Jury selection will begin September 26 with hardship hearings, the first process in selecting the 12-member panel, plus alternates, which will weed out those jurors who would experience hardship by having to sit through a trial expected to last for at least four months.

Hodgman said he intended to file a motion later in the week that the panel be "totally sequestered," meaning they would live in a hotel and would be confined to their rooms when not in court with no contact with the outside world. Their media viewing and reading would also be controlled.

Although jury selection will mark the official beginning of the trial, it is likely to be late October, or even early November, before the first witness takes the stand.

British hotel manager was sacked for Shabbat breach

LONDON (Reuters) - The manager of a British seaside hotel has won compensation after being dismissed for switching on the central heating on a chilly Shabbat.

Brian Lassman was awarded £10,633 (\$16,270) on Wednesday by an industrial court, which heard that hotel director Sidney Chontow asked him to leave for breaching the hotel's strict religious rules against work on the Sabbath.

"If he (Lassman) had asked a Christian to turn the heating on for him, the rabbi would have been quite satisfied," Chontow told the court at Southampton, southern England.

Lassman had a £26,000 (\$40,000) a year job at the 73-room Normandie Hotel in nearby Bournemouth.

He told the court that on one Saturday last January the restaurant was "freezing" an hour before lunch.

"There were no non-Jewish maintenance men on duty and the kitchen staff were not to be seen, so I simply switched on the heating. Being a Jew, I should not have done that on the Sabbath, but I never dreamed I would lose my job," he said.

Tribunal Chairman David Teagle said Lassman was 60 percent responsible for his own dismissal, and the compensation awarded reflected this.

Topless women won't be busted on New York subway

NEW YORK - If you thought you'd seen it all in the subways, think again: The ban on bare breasts has been lifted.

After top-level consultation with the Transit Authority's lawyers and with the Manhattan district attorney's office during recent weeks, transit police officials have decided not to arrest women who choose to ride the trains topless, a spokesman said Wednesday.

"It's not like women are flocking to the subways to take off their clothes," said Al O'Leary, a Transit Police spokesman, who pointed out that no women were arrested for riding topless even before the ban was lifted. "It's silly, really."

O'Leary said the legal experts advised Chief Michael O'Connor not to make any arrests. But, lest things turn topsy-turvy on the trains, O'Leary cautioned: "They will be arrested if they create a situation where there is a disturbance or disorderly conduct as a result of their being topless."

The issue of topless straphangers came up in July, when two New York City women took off their tops on the subway. After they were approached by police officers, the women eventually agreed to put their clothes on again.

The women were testing a 1992 New York state Court of Appeals ruling that voided part of the state's anti-nudity law. The court objected to a section that allowed men - but not women - to bare their breasts in public. The court said that women should have the right, like men, to bare their breasts in public - as long as the display is not lewd. *Newday*.

Last survivor of British army's Jewish Legion dies at 101

NEW YORK (AP) - Harry Rosenblatt, a volunteer in the British army's Jewish Legion which fought in Egypt and Palestine during World War I, died Wednesday at the age of 101.

Rosenblatt died in Brooklyn of kidney and heart failure, said his son, Arthur.

He was born in 1893 in Rovno, Russia, and came to the United States in 1910. He settled in New York and worked as a tailor.

In 1916, Rosenblatt joined the British army and was shipped to Palestine, where he fought under the command of Gen. Edmund Allenby to capture Jerusalem from Turkey.

Arthur Rosenblatt said he believes his father was the last American survivor of the Jewish Legion.

Rosenblatt returned to the United States at the end of World War I and became a naturalized citizen in 1923.

Transfer of IRA prisoners angers Major

BELFAST (AP) - The return of four prisoners to Northern Ireland, which looked at first like a gesture to the IRA for calling a cease-fire, blew up into a political embarrassment yesterday for Prime Minister John Major.

Two of the prisoners had been convicted of a 1984 bombing that nearly killed Major's predecessor, Margaret Thatcher.

"The prime minister was livid about this, in that this was a decision taken by officials and not referred to ministers," said a spokeswoman in Major's London office, speaking on condition she not be identified.

Major has been wary of upsetting Protestant unionists in Northern Ireland, and has sought confirmation from the IRA that it intends the cease-fire to be permanent.

Once satisfied that the IRA has stopped shooting for good, Britain has promised to open negotiations with its allied Sinn Fein party within three months. Those talks would be on terms for Sinn Fein joining all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

The IRA and Sinn Fein want IRA prisoners transferred from England to N. Ireland so that they can be closer to their families. The four prisoners had been held July 5 that they were due for a transfer, Major's office said.

Major did not object to the transfer, but "I think what the prime minister is concerned... that this particular transfer took place today, at such a sensitive time," the spokeswoman said.



A crowd in Catholic west Belfast celebrates the IRA cease-fire announcement by banging dustbin lids and trays on the walls of Springfield Road police station. (AP)

The prisoners included IRA men Patrick Magee and Gerard McDonnell, both serving life sentences for bombing Thatcher's hotel during a Conservative Party conference in Brighton. The blast killed five people including a

member of Parliament. The IRA cease-fire began at midnight, and no violations were reported by last night.

Earlier, Major appeared to move closer to accepting that the "complete cessation of military

operations" announced by the IRA is the permanent halt which Britain and Ireland both want.

Although Reynolds immediately embraced the IRA announcement, Major has sought assurance that the halt is permanent.

"It can be very easily put right. We are not looking for any kind of formal statement or anything of that kind," said Sir Patrick Mayhew, the British Cabinet official responsible for Northern Ireland.

It would suffice, he said, for Sinn Fein to say that Reynolds "got it right and you've got it wrong."

Irish officials then pointed to an article in yesterday's edition of the *Irish Times* written by Adams, in which he said: "Albert Reynolds... and others have responded positively and correctly to the IRA announcement."

Major's office didn't respond immediately to that, but did welcome a statement by Sinn Fein vice president Martin McGuinness, who said the cease-fire was complete "under all circumstances."

McGuinness' remarks "do move things forward a little," said a spokesman for Major, speaking on condition he not be identified.

With the IRA standing down, hopes for a settlement in Northern Ireland now hinge in part on the reaction of pro-British "loyalist" gunmen. They said on Wednesday they suspected that Britain had betrayed them.

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Morocco and its price

THAT Morocco has decided to open an interest section in Tel Aviv should be cheered by all Israelis. If there is one issue on which there is a wall-to-wall consensus in Israel, it is that normalization of relations with the Arab world is as necessary as it is desirable.

As Foreign Minister Shimon Peres asserted yesterday, the Moroccan step is undoubtedly connected with Israel's agreement with the PLO. As if to stress this point, Morocco included an announcement about the opening of a Moroccan representation in Gaza when it released the news about taking the first step towards establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

Israel has been disappointed so often in its expectations from the Arab world that any positive step comes as a surprise. Yet the Moroccan move should not have been one. The moderate Arab states have always conducted a dialogue with Israel, albeit secretly. Most have promised to elevate it to open relations if and when Israel resolved its "Palestinian problem" by recognizing the PLO, which is tantamount to recognizing a Palestinian state. Now Israel has met this condition, it should be expected that all such moderate countries will officially recognize Israel.

The only disagreement in Israel is over the price that had to be paid for this recognition. The price is not, as some would like to believe, the relinquishment of military control in Gaza and Jericho, or the transfer of responsibilities for Arab education in the territories to the PLO. The clock of the Oslo and Cairo agreements, although a little slower than expected, is ticking away, and the less palatable stages of its implementation are around the corner.

What Israelis are mainly concerned about is not the geopolitical impact of the creation of a Palestinian sovereignty in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, but the effects of Israeli withdrawal on their safety. The Israelis most immediately affected

are, of course, the residents of the territories now administered by Israel and soon to be turned over to PLO control. For them, the warning delivered on Tuesday by Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen Ehud Barak could not have been very comforting.

He said that the next step in the interim agreement – the retreat of the army from major Arab population centers – will "cause disruptions" in the life of the territories' Jewish residents, and that affording them a modicum of personal safety will be "a very complicated assignment" for the armed forces. This, he said, is based not only on objective conditions but on the limited experience with the Palestinian Police since the PLO took over control in Gaza and Jericho.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin talked of the political ramifications of this experience. "We cannot tolerate for long a situation in which the Palestinian Authority does nothing against Hamas terrorism. If the PLO fails to act against terrorism, it will be difficult for us to continue with the political process."

Rabin has delivered such warnings before, but he has yet to act on them. The sweep and momentum of the "process" have been such that even the killing of 65 Jews by Palestinian terrorists since the signing of the Oslo agreement has not slowed him down. In fact, he has followed the agreement's schedule with only relatively slight delays. It is doubtful he will consider a halt to the process now, regardless of terrorist activity.

The opening of a Moroccan legation in Gaza and European representations in Jericho indicate that while there may be problems in securing financial contributions to the PLO, there is great international eagerness to recognize the Palestinian Authority diplomatically. Unfortunately, this combination of political encouragement on the one hand and economic deprivation on the other can create precisely the kind of conditions in which terrorism thrives.

The other side

THE rejoicing over the IRA's cease-fire in Northern Ireland is more than justified, but the fact that there are two sides in the conflict seems to have been sidelined. Despite the IRA's reputation as fierce combatants, the two main Unionist armed groups, the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defense Association, have killed 30 people this year, compared to the 17 deaths claimed by the IRA. The latest victim, a 37-year-old Catholic, was shot dead by the UVF as the world's media converged on Ireland for the IRA truce. A Presbyterian minister said the UVF and the UDA remain committed to violence.

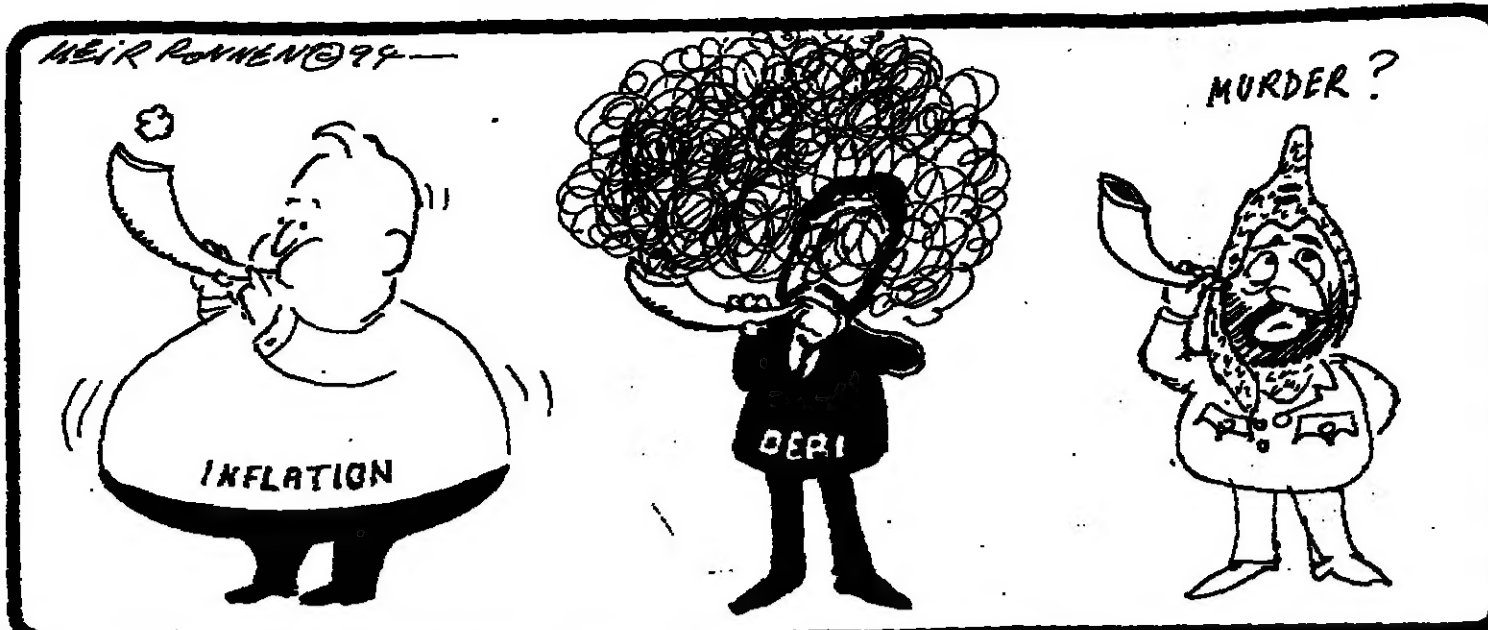
The IRA sees its main enemy as the British government, and the British agreement to reopen the status of Northern Ireland in talks with the Irish Republic was the reason for withdrawing Republican terrorist units from the field. There is no doubt Unionist militias are correct in believing there are secret agreements behind the cease-fire – there always have been in British-Irish negotiations. Britain has in the past vociferously denied talking to the IRA only to be caught out by detailed and extensive leaks on the contacts.

The IRA's uncompromising stand on Irish unity has always been matched by its utter refusal to renounce violence, except for brief Christmas cease-fires. The fact that it has now called a halt to armed action is a clear indication that, despite

public denials from London and Dublin, it has been given concessions on the new track of talks between the Irish and British governments which its legal political wing, Sinn Féin, will monitor at the negotiating table. There are persistent rumors that the British have secretly conceded that if the 25 years of violence is now followed by 25 years of peaceful political activity, a united Ireland at the end of the period is on the cards.

It is ironic that the IRA and the British, who roundly loathe one another, have been able to put a swift and clean-cut cessation of hostilities in place, while Britain's allies, the Unionists, probably now see it as vital to wreck the cease-fire. The greatest danger to the peace process has thus swung to the Unionist camp.

Even Unionists, as well as their enemies, have begun to see themselves as Ireland's embattled Afrikaners – "but without a de Klerk," as Irish historian Tim Pat Coogan commented. They have already forgotten their long-standing pledge to silence their guns if the IRA did so, because they are alarmed at the substantial political capital the IRA and Sinn Féin stand to make from the truce. The solution is obvious – the Unionists must now match the IRA truce and throw themselves with whatever fervor their cause requires into the tough political process that is the only hope for Northern Ireland's future.



Wonderful, make-believe world

ELIYAHU KANOVSKY

MANY people delude themselves into believing that the Arab-Israel conflict is the overriding source of tension in the Middle East. Ergo, its resolution will be followed by major arms reductions and rising prosperity throughout the region. But recent major Middle East wars have had nothing to do with the Arab-Israel dispute.

There was the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88, bloody and costly not only for the two combatants, but also for Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which supported Iraq. In 1990-91, the Gulf war wrought massive destruction in Iraq and Kuwait, and imposed heavy costs on Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in payments to the US and its allies.

In the aftermath of the war, the Saudis, in particular, and other Gulf states embarked on a massive military buildup. Iraq is bending every effort to rebuild its armed forces, shattered by the US-led coalition, while Iran is engaged in a large-scale military buildup, despite the parlous state of its economy. Not to be outdone, Syria, which benefited from both an enhanced volume of oil production and higher prices, as well as financial rewards from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for siding with them against Saddam Hussein, has continued to build up its armed forces. So has Egypt.

The Saudi armed forces, which numbered around 80,000 throughout the 1980s, rose to 191,000 in 1991, the result of continued fear of both Iran and Iraq, and border disputes with Yemen and Qatar. Many reports cite growing internal discontent in Saudi Arabia.

There is hardly a state in the region free of disputes regarding borders and/or water rights.

Saudi Arabia claims several hundred square miles of northern Yemen and an even larger area of western Oman, as well as parts of Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). In 1992, there was an armed clash between Saudi and Qatari forces. On the other hand, Yemen claims parts of southern Saudi Arabia, and both Oman and

Saudi Arabia believe that pieces of the United Arab Emirates rightfully belong to them. Iraq lays claim to all, or at least parts of Kuwait.

There are border disputes between Bahrain and Qatar. Syria and Turkey have a long-standing territorial dispute. Iran and the UAE each claim ownership of some islands in the Persian Gulf.

also be threatened, especially if economic conditions deteriorate.

Allowing for differences within each country, the relatively long period of political stability in the Arab world may end within the next decade. And, disturbingly for Israel, succeeding Arab rulers may not recognize agreements concluded by their predecessors. The leaders of the various Mos-

Failure to achieve high rates of economic growth and sharply reduce severe unemployment may undermine the PLO, which might be succeeded by Hamas. And statements by PLO leaders raise serious doubts that its economic policies will succeed.

Youssef Sayigh led the PLO team at the multilateral aid talks. He quit the newly formed PLO Economic Council, stating that it "was packed with politicians from the PLO headquarters in Tunis, rather than giving real authority to professional economists."

In July, the newly appointed "finance minister" of the Palestine National Authority stated that the economic agreement between Israel and the PLO, signed in May, had to be revised. "We must protect our industry against them [the Israelis]," he said. He denounced the World Bank, asserting that it wants "to prevent the Palestinian political leadership from performing its leading role in building and developing the Palestinian economy."

In view of the military buildup in a number of Arab states and the serious possibility of a takeover by Moslem extremists in one or more neighboring countries, Israel must be doubly cautious in its negotiations. It must be prepared, militarily and otherwise, for radical changes in the countries which surround it. It must keep its powder dry.

The Middle East remains a dangerous area. Bradford McGuinn, an American who has written extensively on Moslem extremist groups, cautions: "Peace treaties between Israel and the Arabs will not neutralize the Islamists... the key question is not whether peace treaties are obtainable, but whether in light of the Islamic Challenge... they will be enforceable over the long run." (USA Today, November 1993).

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A halcyon Middle East once the Arab-Israel conflict is resolved? Hardly likely...

The Kurdish "problem" threatens relations between Turkey, Iraq and Iran. In addition, Turkey, Syria and Iraq have serious conflicts regarding the division of the waters of the Euphrates.

This incomplete listing does not take into account conflicts in Arab North Africa.

In short: those who believe that the resolution of the Arab-Israel conflict will lead to a peaceful Middle East are living in a world of make-believe.

lem extremist groups (Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hizbullah, the Islamic Group in Egypt) unequivocally state that they do not recognize Israel's right to exist.

Hafez Assad has ruled Syria since 1970. According to one observer, "Assad's passing away may herald more chaos than a chaotic region has seen in decades." ("Syria: Identity Crisis," Atlantic Monthly, February 1993). The Moslem Brotherhood, which Assad ruthlessly suppressed in 1982, could succeed in the 1990s. A future decline in oil revenues may well bring about another economic crisis.

King Hussein has had an unusually long tenure as monarch since the mid-1950s; but there is no certainty of a smooth succession. The Moslem Brotherhood, well organized in Jordan, is a vociferous opponent of the peace process. Unofficial estimates are that the Palestinians constitute over 60 percent or more of Jordan's population since the entry of 300,000-400,000 Palestinians expelled from Kuwait following its liberation by US-led forces in 1991.

The autonomy agreement between the PLO and Israel also contains the seeds of instability.

For Israeli Arab hearts and minds

YOSEF GOELL

THE prolonged strike by local Arab mayors, which ended last week, was a commentary on the new political power of Israel's Arab minority – and its limitations.

The strike, in which heads of 52 local councils took turns camping out in front of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem for weeks was ostensibly about money. The protesters demanded that the Treasury cover their authorities' NIS 280m. debt, and that government grants to Arab townships be equalized with those allocated to Jewish local authorities.

The strike was settled by a promise of more money in the forthcoming budget than previously allocated, and a speed-up in the pace of equalization of the grants-in-aid to Arab local authorities. This comes on top of the actual delivery of much higher government grants than ever before, during the two years of the Rabin government.

It is only natural that with the eating comes a ravenous appetite, making the Arab mayors and their constituents eager for even bigger grants, to make up for decades of vast monetary discrimination and in recognition of their unprecedented political power.

The Rabin government was made possible by a blocking majority of 61, provided by the five MKs from the two Arab parties. In addition, Arab voters who had voted directly for Labor contributed several seats to its Knesset faction.

Had Israeli Arabs, who constitute over 15 percent of the population, been haredim (who account for less than 10 percent) they would easily have been accorded several cabinet seats in the coalition government. In the event, however, two Arab parties were intentionally kept out of the government – and even the Arab MKs of Labor and Meretz had to make do with powerless deputy ministerships.

The fact that the leaders and representatives of the two Arab

parties – the Communists and Abdul Wahab Darawsh's Arab Democratic List – are wild adherents of Yasser Arafat and the PLO should serve as ample explanation of why they have been kept out of the government, all the more so when it is involved in historic and sensitive negotiations with the PLO and the surrounding enemy Arab states.

But that does not lessen the

abs as individuals into all facets of Israel society.

Israeli Arabs, so the cliché goes, are torn between being children of an Arab people and citizens of an Israeli state who have been at war with each other for close to half a century. True; but this truth must be seen in terms of a universal reality in which each of the world's over 150 states has its own ethnic and national minorities. In this

Jews should wise up on how a confident majority treats its minority

deep sense of insult felt by the Arab public at being kept out of the government whose very existence and continuation in power they made possible.

The Rabin government is clearly trying to placate them with budgets.

But money can go just so far. Of even greater importance are the first signs of a policy of reverse discrimination in Arab education which has been initiated by Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein.

It is doubtful whether mere funds, or even corrective anti-discriminatory policies in Arab education will succeed in reversing the inequality, which could prove very problematic for Arab-Jewish relations in Israel.

ISRAELI ARABS' growing sense of alienation comes from:

- An intensification of Palestinian identity during the past two decades, especially during the seven years of the intifada;
- The growth of an indigenous Islamic fundamentalist movement which defines itself as being intensely hostile to Israel;
- Israel's abject failure in promoting the full integration of Ar-

context, the situation of Israel's Arabs is less than tragic.

With the advent of Palestinian autonomy and possibly even independence, Israeli Arabs will be forced to choose which of their multiple identities to emphasize and prefer. Since, in all likelihood, serious tensions will continue to accompany the process of separating Israel from the Palestinian territories, the need for such a choice will become more urgent than ever.

It is in Israel's interest to foster as full an integration as possible of Israeli Arabs into Israel, making the lines that differentiate them from their Palestinian brethren across the borders as clear as possible.

There is a campaign in the Arab towns controlled by the Islamic Movement to back Palestinian demands for establishing Jerusalem as the capital of an independent Palestine.

This is a free country, and everyone is entitled to his opinion. But when the issue is clear-cut – as in the case of Jerusalem – Israelis, including Israeli Arabs, should either support the Israeli side, or keep quiet. They should certainly not come out in blatant support of

an anti-Israeli position. Anything else can only invite political retribution by a majority which feels itself under attack.

Much more serious is the problem of the Israeli Arabs who have been given prison sentences for murdering Israeli soldiers or civilians out of "nationalist" motivations.

One may possibly conceive of an amnesty for Palestinian killers – as Foreign Minister Peres has reportedly proposed as part of a general burying of the hatchet between Israel and a Palestine. But there can be no such amnesty for Israeli Arabs, who have been found guilty on similar charges. They are both murderers and traitors.

Some Israeli Arabs are so far gone in their hatred for Israel that they will never be loyal to Israel. Most Israeli Arabs do not fall into that category. It is in Israel's interest to encourage as many of them as possible to opt for their Israeli identity – which need not always clash with their emotional Palestinian identity.

This requires real integration of Arab political leaders in the two major parties – Labor and the Likud – as an alternative to the parties which are vying for Arafat's support; a massive infusion of Arab teachers into Jewish schools, and vice versa, and heroic efforts to integrate Arabs into the professions, the arts and the country's social life.

The obstacles to such integration are to be found both on the Arab and Jewish sides; but the main ones would seem to be among us Jews. We have internalized 2,000 years of lessons on how to make it as a harassed minority. But we don't have the vaguest idea of how to behave as a self-assured and magnanimous majority to our own minority. It's time we learned – for our own good and theirs.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KING HUSSEIN'S RECORD

Sir, – Former foreign minister Abba Eban ("Hussein puts his interests first," July 22) has two explanations for "Jordan's greatest tragedies," – joining Nasser in the Six Day War and associating with Iraq in the Gulf War. The first explanation is that Jordan was intimidated. The next paragraph gives his second explanation:

"In 1967... Egypt tricked King Hussein into entering the Six Day War. President Nasser claimed to have already brought Israel to its knees."

Abba Eban, *An Autobiography* (1977) has a different explanation: "My impression is that [in 1967] he [King Hussein] was swept into disaster by the blast of emotion and euphoria raging across the Arab world" (p. 381). Eban quotes the Jordanian prime minister Sa'ad Jum'a's broadcast of early June 5, 1967: "For many years which will wipe out the shame of the past" (p.408).

Rather than Egypt intimidating for luring Jordan, the opposite was operating or, at a minimum, there was mutual stimulation. President Anwar Sadat's widow, Jehan Sadat, relates that King Hussein taunted Egypt for not being sufficiently active against Israel: "What Nasser needed to do, Radio Jordan announced, was to stop hiding behind the United Nations peacekeeping force in the Sinai" (Woman of Egypt, p.218).

On May 17, 1967, Egypt requested that the UN peacekeeping force withdraw from their positions. Within hours, UN Secretary General U Thant agreed. This was followed by increas-

ingly hostile Egyptian deployments and the announcement of a blockade of the Straits of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba.

On May 29, 1967, in a spirited address to his National Assembly, Nasser proclaimed: "God will surely help and urge us to restore the situation to what it was in 1948." King Hussein was so moved by the speech and Nasser's actions in the prior two weeks that he flew to Cairo on May 30. In his autobiography, Abba Eban said Hussein's trip made war "certain" (p.380). Nasser and the king put aside their feud. King Hussein was so eager to sign that after a brief perusal of the Syria-Egypt defense agreement, he asked that the text be used with Jordan in place of Syria. Jordanian troops were placed under Egyptian command with major military decisions subject to Hussein's approval.

On June 5, 1967, at 9:27 a.m., King Hussein delivered a stirring radio address to his people. Despite Israel's pleas, Jordan attacked at 11:00 a.m. on that day. Heavy artillery hit Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Jordan's air force struck and on the ground its forces went through no-man's land.

Israel had not contemplated Jordan's entering the war. General Uzi Narkiss, commander of the area including Jerusalem, thought the initial artillery attack merely "a salvo to uphold Jordanian honor." But Jordan was fully committed and more than a day after its initial attack, rejected Israel's tender of a cease-fire with a return to pre-attack conditions.

JOSEPH LERNER
Jerusalem.

VISIT TO JORDAN

Sir, – The unidentified "wife of a Reform rabbi deeply committed to the peace process" who wrote (Letters, August 19) about AJCongress tours to Jordan spoke to me about her concerns as to kosher food, yarmulkes and egalitarian minyan. The answers she received were as follows:

On the subject of kosher food, she was told that, as with all AJCongress tours to Europe, the Far East and South America, arrangements are made for dairy and vegetarian meals for kashrut observers. When she asked whether the *kehim* (utensils) would be kosher, she received a negative reply.

The writer was never told that AJ Congress visitors would not be allowed to wear yarmulkes or conduct an egalitarian minyan.

Instead, it was explained that, while in many parts of the world such behavior might be perfectly legal and permissible, it might not be wise. As an example I said that, while it is certainly permissible to hold an egalitarian service anywhere in the free, democratic, Jewish State of Israel, it might not be wise to attempt this in the middle of Mes She'an.

Dr. DAVID CLAYMAN,
Israel Director.

American Jewish Congress
Jerusalem.

BRIDGE AFICIONADO

Sir, – As a bridge player, I wish to express my appreciation of Matthew Granovetter's articles in *Focus*. He gives a lot of real information and useful hints, and above all has a style which is delightfully friendly and humorous.

HAZEL WOLFF
Tel Aviv.

Symbols and sycophants

FOUR times this week, Israeli hearts pounded as the nation swung between despair and hope.

Would Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa visit Yad Vashem? Would Nabil Shaath arrive to sign on the dotted line and receive additional authority in Judea and Samaria? Would Arafat turn over the murderers of the two young men in Ramle? Would the government continue in its "heroic stand" against the insult to the state's sovereignty by Pakistan's prime minister?

Four shameful episodes. After repeated telephone calls, after words of explanation, persuasion and advocacy, Amr Moussa, revered teacher and guiding light of this government, agreed to visit the "children's museum," as he called it, at Yad Vashem. Had the Egyptians been in our place, they would have behaved differently. So would we, if we had a government.

We have an interest in tightening our relationship with Egypt. We paid a high price for it. Though when we realize how this government has turned the terms of the peace into a dangerous precedent, we can admit that we paid too much, too quickly. We made a big mistake at the time, a grave blunder.

But since we have to preserve this precious peace, the government should have sent the invitation in a dignified manner, including a detailed itinerary, as is usual. Then, if Moussa had wanted to come, he would have; if he hadn't wanted to, he wouldn't have.

It's perfectly acceptable for a visiting minister to request a change in itinerary. We've done it, too. But Yad Vashem isn't a manufacturing plant or a tourist attraction. It's a symbol.

It would have been possible not to include Yad Vashem in the visit's program. Not everyone should be privileged to visit the Holocaust memorial.

And why did he have to make the visit, anyway? He never let the word "Jew" or "Jewish child" cross his lips, and it was painfully obvious that he felt neither sorrow nor anguish.

Then, encouraged by the conduct of our shlemiels, Moussa hastened at Orient House to assert that sovereignty over the Temple Mount and the Cave of the Patriarchs is strictly Arab. He even demanded status for Egypt on the Temple Mount!

ARIEL SHARON

He represents a country which has been acquiring arms - including missiles and chemical weapons - at an unprecedented pace. And he dared to lecture us on the inspection of non-conventional arms.

At the Erez checkpoint, an Israeli general sat biting his nails for more than two hours, waiting for Nabil Shaath, who took his time arriving.

Sometimes, when you want to receive something, you wait. But

One week in the life of this government. Horrendous

only a fool would wait two hours to give someone a gift without getting anything back, and with no strings attached. And only the callous can do so while the funerals wend their way to the cemeteries.

Shaath did show up, in the end. Angry, scolding Israel. Suddenly, he is a "different" person.

WAR CRIMINAL Arafat remains the Arab we love to hate. Murderer, liar, cheat, clown. Nabil Shaath is second-echelon, like Abu Mazen and Abu Ala, the senior commanders of the Palestinian army and a few others. Their speech is polished, they speak several languages and exude considerable eastern charm. They evoke good feeling. Officers who have met them like them.

"I have found a friend," a distinguished IDF officer said once, wistfully, as he listened to the sounds of Chopin coming from Shaath's delicate hands, as he played the piano. Now, suddenly, this "friend" has shown his claws.

This polished group of Palestinian leaders is dangerous. Their language may be different, but their goals are identical to Arafat's: a Palestinian state with Jerusalem its capital - in the first phase.

To date, Arafat hasn't turned over the murderers of Gil Revah and Shlomo Kapach, of Uri Megidish and many others. He knows who the killers are. But he cynically dismissed the government's re-

quest to extradite them: "This was not a terrorist act, but a work-related quarrel." A routine quarrel, resolved in the accepted Palestinian way, by the knife.

Our prime minister calls this arrogant nonsense. But there can be no doubt: The active murderers are among them; the utterers of arrogant nonsense among us.

Perhaps Arafat is simply too busy to combat terrorism. His Jewish guests keep explaining that he needs time to get organized, so how can he find time for chasing terrorists?

Shimon Peres barely makes his exit before Yitzhak Rabin enters. Amir Peretz hardly manages to pull out before Dedi Zucker comes in. And what about Ron and Yael and Benny and Anat and Naomi and Shula and Yossi and the Labor Party youth and the Meretz children, and so many others? All in perpetual motion, in and out, standing in line to visit the murderer. Even before the wreaths on the graves have wilted. If nothing else, for goodness sake, let him do some work....

The heroic battle lasted 24 hours. Then the government caved in, and with it, the line of defense of Israel's sovereignty. Twenty-four hours of lofty words ended with a shameful capitulation. Mrs. Ben-Zur Blum broke the lines with a derisive whistle at Israel.

All this happened in one week. And when you see the helplessness, the cowardice, the ineffectiveness, the inability to reason coolly, it's difficult not to think that they've blundered in other things as well.

In the agreement with Arafat, in giving up our right to defend ourselves against terrorism; in relinquishing the Temple Mount; in sacrificing Israeli agriculture on the Palestinian altar; in forfeiting water and land we've cultivated for decades. And also in their declared readiness to withdraw "on the Golan" and "from the Golan"; in "giving approval" to the Hizbullah's hitting our soldiers and the SLA soldiers in the security zone; in muzzling American Jewry in the battle against Arab armament; and in losing control over Jerusalem.

All this has happened in one year. Perhaps they simply can't do better - in which case they should go home. Before the nation decides to put them on trial.

The writer is a former defense minister.



Brilliance, yes - but no balance

GABRIEL BEN-DOR

EXPERIENCE increases our wisdom," noted philosopher-humorist Josh Billings, "but it does not reduce our follies."

If we are talking about acquiring national wisdom, the learning effort is long and hard. Normally, it isn't the power-seeking political leaders who excel in it, but a class of intellectuals, scholars, scientists and journalists.

One mark of a modern and advanced society is the existence of an intellectual class able to think independently and disseminate the results of that thinking to the public. Where there is no such class, society is the poorer; its hope for a better, more calculated and sophisticated set of national policies is the weaker.

Israel's intellectuals have made major contributions to the national debate. Yet an examination of the heritage of two giants of this generation, taken away from us in the past two weeks, raises serious questions about the balance our intellectuals have been able to bring to national affairs.

There cannot be any question about the scholarship, knowledge and brilliance of either Yehoshua Leibowitz or Yehoshafat Harkabi. Much ink has already been expended on the former, albeit largely by people who never understood the substance or implications of his stand on Judaism, Israel and the territories.

In effect, he was celebrated for his wit and courage in promoting unpopular and provocative ideas, and for his ability to challenge political as well as religious orthodoxy. It would take some time to appreciate that, should his ideas ever become the orthodoxy of the day, we might well be much worse off, both in religious freedom and national security.

Harkabi's career (though brilliant in both its military and academic phases), was full of contradictions - not, I think, by coincidence.

He was the committed hawk of the late 1950s, preaching the need for endless perseverance in confronting the ugliness of Arab antisemitism, Palestinian intransigence and the genocidal character of the Palestinian National

Charter (which he analyzed and disseminated so effectively that it became better known in Israel than among Palestinians). He became the committed dove of the late 1970s, preaching the need to make concessions, compromise and live with what he had earlier labeled abhorrent and unacceptable (the PLO, driven by the ide-

cently compelling for a national debate, he started arguing about the "treason of intellectuals" who chose to sell out to the establishment rather than go down the drain with the honest critics. I kept on about the weakness of his impressionist and subjective approach to the "spirit of the times," but to no avail. Harkabi

Leibowitz and Harkabi. What positive heritage did these two intellectual giants pass to the next generation?

ology of its covenant).

IT IS possible to admire Harkabi for his courage to change. But it is also necessary to ask what he felt the main reason for this change had been.

He argued partly on rational grounds: balance of power, national priorities and the imperatives of a small country; but also partly out of his confidence at being able to diagnose the "spirit of the times," as he liked to put it. He believed strongly that the anti-colonialist, national liberation-oriented spirit of our time would not allow further control of the territories, and that counter-arguments were either false or motivated by irrational and romantic-nationalist stances which failed to address political realities.

So strongly did he feel about his ability to make such judgments that he expected his fellow intellectuals to join him in arguing the issues he identified.

Shortly after the appearance of his book *Fateful Decisions*, we met at a symposium, where he treated me with marked unfriendliness.

When I asked why, he answered that he had fully expected me to participate in the "national debate" over his book, and that he considered my failure to do so "irresponsible."

When I answered that I did not consider his arguments suffi-

the onus on the Arabs, to the point where Israel was left with nothing but the need to survive the harshness of the adversary, without any substantive alternatives.

Later in his career, he put all the onus on Israel, as if shaping the patterns of conflict depended so overwhelmingly on Israel as to decrease the responsibility of the Arab side to nothing but a historical given that had to be accepted in the name of the times.

If the only responsibility of the intellectual is to raise questions and utter criticisms, the rich eulogies both Leibowitz and Harkabi received were fully deserved.

But if we expect people of their caliber to make a positive contribution to the education of the next generation, in the spirit of balance and responsibility, the picture isn't quite so rosy.

Harkabi seemed to be saying, "We've seen the enemy, and it's us!" Only time will tell whether he underestimated the continuing importance of the menacing enemy without.

The man's erudition, brilliance and courage are beyond any reasonable argument. What has been questioned - and with reason - are his objectivity, balance and consistency.

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POSTSCRIPTS

CHARLES JOHNSON has, until we say, unusual world-views. For one thing, he's president of the Flat Earth Research Society. Also, he doesn't believe there was ever a moon landing - and his proof is... O.J. Simpson.

"Did you ever see *Capricorn One*, the movie? O.J. Simpson was the star. Projected the entire government space program is a hoax. They're finally going after O.J. because he helped unmask the space hoax."

Aha. So now we know. Johnson calls the moon landing "a big, giant joke, an entertainment for us animals here in the Animal Farm," a crafty bit of government trickery designed to boost profits for big contractors and add to the mountain of propaganda for the outlandish concept that the Earth is a spinning globe.

Shockingly, Johnson's 3,000 followers are not the only disbelievers in the moon landing. *The Washington Post* recently asked a random sample of 1,001 Americans if astronauts ever made it to the moon. Nine percent said it was possible the landing never happened; another 5 percent weren't sure. Black Americans were considerably more suspicious: 20 percent said it was possible no moon-walk ever occurred; 16 percent didn't know. That means 20 million Americans have serious doubts that it ever happened.

"Oh, they always talk about that

happening, but I never believed it," says Myrtle Holloway, 77, of Blantonville, Louisiana, a participant in the poll. "It cannot be done, and God did not intend that it be done."

"It was a way for the government to hide some more of the money they've blown," says Debbie Dunham, 40, of Kent City, Mo.

Most doubters have a nagging suspicion that the whole thing was staged in the Arizona desert, or dummed up on a Hollywood sound stage, or concocted by schemers in Washington and the boardrooms of the great military-industrial complex.

The hoax theory is bolstered by the movie *Capricorn One* in which three astronauts who, mere seconds from launch toward the first landing on Mars, are snatched from the command module and whisked off to an abandoned airbase, where they are forced to fake interplanetary exploration on a stage set.

"I was a reporter and I was brought up to believe that what you read in the papers is true," says Peter Hyams, who wrote and directed the movie. "I was working at CBS covering Apollo, and we were showing simulations of docking. I thought, Wait a minute. The only thing that says this is true is a camera. If you can control that camera, you could control what people believe."

THE 1960S HAD the dye. The '70s, leisure suits. The '80s, power ties. The '90s, if Frank Aligeyer's idea catches on, will have clothes riddled with bullet holes.

Aligeyer, of Derry, New Hampshire, shoots holes into clothing to his customers' specifications. They can choose handgun holes, rifle holes or machine gun holes.

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Aligeyer, a 44-year-old carpenter, calls himself an artist who "just wanted to see how many other twisted people were out there like me."

BRITISH COASTGUARDS were called to rescue a girl drifting out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth.

But before they could get there, she was rescued by another girl on an inflatable lobster.

"It's all rather funny. But it shows the dangers of inflatable toys being blown out to sea," a police officer said.

NOW WE know why Israelis can't spell: It starts from the top.

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JOSE ROSENFELD

The banks want it to be made clear that the new arrangement is final and that it will not be followed by any further arrangements in the future. The bankers noted that some of the kibbutzim

Following the meetings, Shohat recommended that a small forum that includes three representatives from each of the interested parties, including the government, the banks and the kibbutzim, meet to discuss concrete proposals to finalize the arrangement.

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held more than 10% of a bank's shares — unless there were special reasons for doing so. Elyam was a principal shareholder in IDB, the petition said, but the Treasury never explained what "special reasons" justified redeeming its shares.

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Levy said the US officials were also concerned about Americans depositing money in anonymous

That, of course, will not be the case if the American only owns a

"The treaty was signed nearly two years ago, and we have not seen during that time any major capital flight to confirm such fears," said Levy.

EVELYN GORDON

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Although the Bejski Commission's recommendations were published in 1986, the petition was not filed until after the verdict in the bank shares trial was published, to give the state time to draw its own conclusions once Recanatni's guilt was finally proven, Corinaldi said.

"What else has to happen before the state gets up and does something?" he demanded.

EVELYN GORDON

Offer is also under indictment for falsifying tax records, the petition noted, and a Tel Aviv resident named Yigal Laviv has charged that former Zim executive Michael Zur confessed to the police that Ofer's brother Sami had bribed him. Ofer is also being

The petition also charges that if Ofer were allowed to buy Mizrahi, this would constitute discrimination against other candidates for bank purchases whom the Bank of Israel has disqualified in the past for less serious reasons. These include Rafael Recanati, Gadi Ze'evi and Moshe Borenstein, the petition said.

COMMENT
NEIL COHEN

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Next month, the reserves will get an additional \$1.2b. infusion, when the state receives its annual economic assistance grant from the US.

Meanwhile, the state budget registered a NIS 457m. deficit in

Since the beginning of the year the state budget has run a deficit of NIS 21m, which is much smaller than originally forecast due to larger than expected tax revenues. The government has budgeted a deficit of NIS 6.6b. for this year.

During the first eight months of the year, government expenditures reached NIS 52.9b. and were nearly matched by tax revenues.

Judge Haya Hefetz refused to order Tsubari kept under prolonged house arrest, as the Security

The government intends to sell 15 percent of its stock to an individual or a group of investors and an additional 32% on foreign stock exchanges and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Rada, Elbit win IAF tender: RADA Electronics Industry and Elbit have won the Israel Air Force's tender for the supply of new air combat maneuvering instrumentation systems, the companies announced yesterday.

WORLD MARKETS REPORT

Successful US Treasury bond auctions marked a recovery in that market, which encouraged stability in the US dollar. Equity markets took their lead from the US, where largely technical factors fuelled a rise in the DJIA. UK & continental European markets performed well. Europe's high-yielding govt. bond markets were the strongest performers last week. The UK gilt market should see further narrowing of the 10 year yield spread over German *bunds*, while the equity market is consolidating for an assault on the 3280 - 3290 area. Despite its strong recent performance, our clients have continued buying Cable & Wireless. Overseas buyers have been active in Hong Kong, encouraged by US Commerce Secretary's visit to China - further advances seem likely. The Kuala Lumpur and Singapore markets are also attracting foreign buyers for leading shares.

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	Tiger Oats	:	41.50	43.50	-4.60%
	Iscor	:	4.18	4.21	-0.71%
	JSE Actuaries Overall	:	5.846	5.838	-0.21%

COMMENTS: The capital market this week delivered a damping verdict on the government's ability to control its spending. Rates on four-year government bonds (blue) jumped to their highest level in over two and a half years on Friday. Rates on shorter-term government bonds (green) also jumped, but not as simply to confidence in the government's ability to control its spending as the longer-term rates. The market's verdict on the government, warnings by Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stark this week of tighter monetary policy and higher interest rates found fertile ground. The rise in rates also reflects fears of rising inflation and continued speculation about the lifting of the Financial Ration. The yield on the four government R150 bond jumped to 9.6% on Friday, before the market's verdict. The market has been in turmoil since the beginning of the year, when the bond was trading at 11.7%. There has been no up or down since the election. One of the more damaging consequences of the influx in bond sales is a jump in the cost of servicing government debt. Economist's director Alex Iacometti estimates that if rates remain at 16% the government's interest bill

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French franc	1.6928	1.6918	1.6572	
Dutch florin (100)	0.8993	0.8983	0.8657	
Japanese yen (100)	2.0025	2.0048	2.058	
Swiss franc	2.6628	2.7186	2.67	
Swiss franc	2.1875	2.1848	2.2788	
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Norwegian krone	0.4338	0.4300	0.426	
Danish krone	0.4822	0.4580	0.4655	
Finnish mark	0.5936	0.5978	0.591	
Canadian dollar	2.1875	2.1868	2.258	
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Smashnova rolls on at US Open

Anna dispenses with Nicole Muns-Jagerman in 2nd round

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Anna Smashnova, first-round conqueror of 13th seed Lori McNeil, advanced to the third round of the US Open yesterday with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 win over Nicole Muns-Jagerman of the Netherlands.

Smashnova, who had to go through qualifying to gain the main draw at the Australian Open in January, is playing in only her fourth Grand Slam tournament.

Top seed Steffi Graf also advanced yesterday, but another three-time champion fell by the wayside.

World number one and defending champion Graf brushed aside 19-year-old American Sandra Cecic 6-0, 6-2 in 55 minutes.

"It's not what I prefer to play," said Graf, who didn't face a single break point.

"I want to be pushed more than that," added the German star, who has lost a total of just five games in two matches.

But former number one Ivan Lendl, who has been bothered by back problems all year, had to quit his second-round match with German Bernd Karbacher after playing just one game in the third set.

Play was stopped with Karbacher leading 6-4 7-6 1-0.

The ailing Lendl, who was just two wins shy of tying for second place on the all-time US Open match victory list among men, went out from the same quarter of the draw that lost Boris Becker and Goran Ivanisevic on opening day.

That further opened the door for 15th-seed Marc Rosset of Switzerland, who will now face the 41st-ranked Karbacher instead of Lendl.

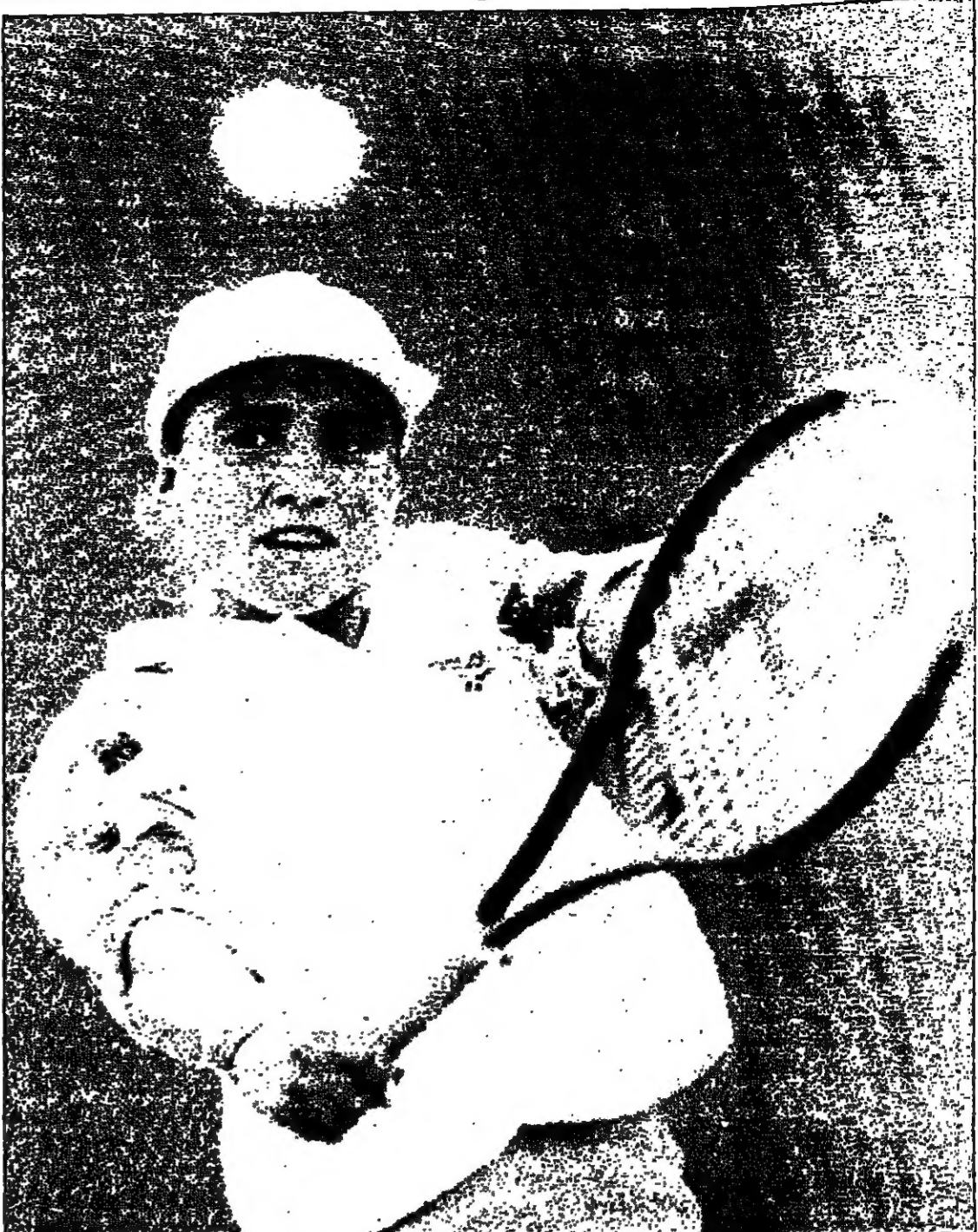
Rosset, who led Switzerland to the 1992 Davis Cup final, advanced to the third round with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2 victory over Swede Nicklas Pietrangeli.

Austrian Thomas Muster, seeded 13th, also reached the third round with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 4-2 victory over Venezuelan Maurice Ruah. Sixth seed Lindsay Davenport, the highest-ranked American in the women's draw, had no trouble with former US top-10 player Pam Shriver on the Stadium Court after Lendl's aborted match.

Davenport picked apart Shriver 6-1, 6-2 racing through the first set in just 19 minutes.

Eleventh-seeded South African Amanda Coetzer also enjoyed a 19-minute set as she blitzed Russian Eugenia Maniokova 6-2, 6-0.

Joining them in the third round was 10th-seeded American Zina Garrison Jackson, who beat Argentine newcomer Paola Suarez 6-4, 6-3 in borrowed shoes.



MOVING RIGHT ALONG - Anna Smashnova hits a backhand to Nicole Muns-Jagerman during second round play at the US Open yesterday. (Reuters)

Garrison, playing her 50th Grand Slam tournament, damaged a shoe on the second point of the match and, surprisingly for such a veteran player, did not have a spare.

She ended up borrowing an old shoe from Cecic, who was in the locker room awaiting her match with Graf.

"My heart was beating so fast. I ran screaming into the locker room. Does anybody have an 8 1/2?" she said, describing her momentary panic.

Lendl appeared to have taken control of his match after dropping

a tight first set when he raced out to a 5-0 second-set lead.

But working on the court that was once his favorite place to play in the world, Lendl felt his back stiffen up.

"It was very stiff and painful," said Lendl, who reached eighth consecutive US Open finals in the 1980s.

He quickly lost the next five games, failing to convert a total of nine set points in the eighth and ninth games.

Lendl called for the trainer after losing the second set tie-break 7-5. When he didn't appear, Lendl,

who also left the Open injured last year, decided to call it quits after playing one game of the third set.

"I don't think it would have mattered, to be honest," he said of the help a trainer might have offered.

The 34-year-old, three-time champion, who has won every major but Wimbledon in a distinguished career, said it was difficult to walk away from center court at the U.S. Open like that.

"It's always tough to leave any kind of a match without finishing it, never mind some place where you have done well in the past."

Israel hoping to leap over Poles

DEREK FATTAL

WITH only the opening round of National League soccer played, the domestic scene takes an early time-out this weekend. The reason being to allow national team coach Shlomo Scharf to continue preparations for Israel's debut qualifying match for the 1996 European Nations' Competition on Sunday evening against Poland.

The game comes just a couple of weeks after the Israelis suffered a humiliating 4-0 defeat at National Stadium Ramat Gan at the hands of Croatia. On the same night, the Poles were held to a 1-1 draw against the lowly ranked Byelorussians.

The pressure on Scharf is immense. The side needs to get off to a flying start in the competition, and vaulting over the Poles would help players recover some of the confidence lost in a mediocre string of events since last year's epic win against France. A victory would provide the right foundation in what is likely to be a hard qualifying group.

The Polish side is likely to prove a tough opponent, but unless the Israelis can pull off winning results against opposition of this caliber, the squad's international ranking is set to backslide.

Scharf has had the best part of a week to mold his squad into shape, and it is likely that Reuven Atar and Moshe Glan will be pronounced fit to be included in the final pool of 16 players for the match.

Polish national coach Henryk Apostel, who formerly managed Lech Poznan, was under fire at home for a lackluster record since taking over last December. In six matches under his leadership, the team has chalked up just two wins by one-goal margins against Saudi Arabia and Hungary. The team drew 1-1 against Spain, and also tied against Greece as well as Byelorussia. Austria inflicted a 4-3 home defeat on them.

Apostel has injected a substantial amount of youthful talent into the side, in the wake of an unsuccessful World Cup qualifying campaign. A number of experienced hands have been replaced by players who have graduated from the country's Olympic side which won the silver medal in the Barcelona Games. Nevertheless, on-field performance has been patchy, although the side possesses quality players such as Atletico Madrid attacker Vasek Kosecki, not to mention captain Roman Szewczyk, a skillful sweeper who plays for Sochaux in the French league.

There has been little movement in ticket sales for the match, which comes close to Rosh Hashana.

Nevertheless, fans can take advantage of a special Toto deal. Purchasers of a fixed season-long entry will receive free tickets for Israel's home matches in the qualifying tournament.

Liverpool signs Babb

LIVERPOOL (AP) - The bidding war for Coventry's Phil Babb finally ended yesterday when Liverpool signed the World Cup defender for an undisclosed club-record fee.

The 23-year-old Ireland international signed a four-year deal with the Merseysiders 24 hours after handing in an official transfer request to Coventry.

Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson would not confirm the fee, although it is reported to be around £3.75 million.

Cross-border Olympics suggested for 2002

PARIS (AP) — Future Olympic Games could be held in separate countries to avoid construction of sports facilities that are prohibitively expensive and could harm the environment, a member of the International Olympic Committee suggested.

"The time may have come now to consider the Olympic Games should be held in a city or cities where competition facilities are already in existence," said Chiharu Igaya, a member of the IOC and the Japanese Olympic Committee's Executive Board.

"The Olympic Charter now makes it possible to hold the Olympic Games in different cities located even in different countries, as long as they share a common border line," Igaya said in a speech at the IOC Congress that opened Tuesday in Paris.

"An elected host city could be exempted from making new bobsled and luge courses," Igaya said, referring to concerns that arise each time a Winter Olympics is held. The next Winter Olympics will be held in Nagano, Japan in 1998.

Bobsled and luge require lengthy concrete tracks with ice produced from ammonia, which presents a serious hazard should it escape from its pipes.

The bobsled-luge track for the 1992 Albertville Winter Games in the French Alps also ran far over budget, and operators today can only recoup half the \$800,000 it costs a year to maintain the facility.

The Olympic Charter could be amended to allow holding these events in countries that don't share borders, if they are on the same continent, Igaya said.

The idea of cross-border Olympics is already being suggested for the 2002 Winter Games: the Italian bid city Tarvisio is proposing to spread the events over Alpine regions of Austria and Slovenia.

The IOC's Evaluation Commission will visit all nine candidates for the 2002 Games and look hard at the environmental impact on each of them.

French Environment Minister Michel Barnier, co-president of the organizing committee of the 1992 Albertville Games, noted that outdoor sports often cause major disruptions.

"This is the case with golf, which often involves clearing operations, and with skiing, which brings about the creation of housing complexes and the installation of ski lifts whose impact on the landscape and the ecosystem can be highly significant," Barnier said.

He proposed strengthening the Olympic Charter regarding environmental protection, holding environmental meetings among previous Olympic host cities, and establishing an environmental committee within the Olympic movement to monitor adherence to guidelines.

Indurain looking to break one-hour cycling record

BORDEAUX, France (AP) — Hoping to put a doping controversy behind him, four-time Tour de France winner Miguel Indurain tries today to break the world record for one-hour cycling.

For more than a week Indurain has been making test runs with a new bike on the indoor wooden circuit in the Bordeaux-Lac velodrome.

Indurain will be seeking to break the mark of 52.713 kilometers set in April by Scotland's Graham Obree on the same track. Obree surpassed England's Chris Boardman, who set a mark of 52.27 kilometers in July 1993.

Both Boardman and Obree were track world champions. Indurain is used to the road, where he has dominated the Tour de France, the most prestigious cycling race, for the last four years.

Indurain has consistently gone faster than 50 kilometers an hour in individual time trials during the Tour, especially on flat courses.

He has never attempted the record until this year, preparing carefully in getting acquainted with a new bike, a forward leaning position and even the weather conditions.

He changed the time of his attempt from early evening to mid-afternoon and limited the spectators watching to avoid raising the humidity in the velodrome.

The International Cycling Union, the sport's governing body, ratified Indurain's new bike but did not authorize use of a laser beam as a pacing device.

The union outlawed the bike used by Obree just after he broke the record and recently disqualified him at the world championships for another bike that did not conform to the spirit of the rules.

The union has expressed no concern about the doping affair that the French Cycling Federation has raised against Indurain.

The Spanish rider tested positive for taking salbutamol during the Tour d'Oise in May. Indurain won the three-day French race.

The drug is allowed in most countries, but under French sporting rules is permitted only by prescription — and even then only in a nasal-spray form approved on a case-by-case basis.

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RECORD CHALLENGER — Miguel Indurain, seen holding the Tour de France trophy, hopes to clock a new cycling time today.

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British women's team results may be annulled

PARIS (Reuters) — The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) wanted Britain to be the results of its women's team at this month's World Cup finals could be annulled if athlete Diane Modahl loses her appeal against a doping ban.

The highly unusual move by the IAAF plainly expressed irritation with the British Athletic Federation's (BAF's) decision not to withdraw its women's team from the World Cup finals in London from September 9 to 11 despite the doping case.

An IAAF source said this meant that if a British woman's athlete such as 400 meters hurdles world and Olympic champion Sally Gunnell broke the world record, it would not be recognized if Modahl later lost her appeal.

The source said the BAF had reneged on an earlier promise to withdraw its women's team if Modahl proved positive on the second, or B sample, of a dope test made in Lisbon in June.

Modahl, whose 800 meters victory in the European Cup in Birmingham in June earned the points to put the British team into the World Cup at the expense of Russia, tested positive for testosterone in Lisbon.

The BAF said earlier yesterday it would allow Modahl time to appeal and would not withdraw the women's team in the meantime.

The IAAF's statement, addressed to the BAF, said: "We feel it is our duty to inform you that should the athlete be eventually rendered ineligible according to the IAAF rules and procedure, any result achieved by the British women's team would, regrettably, not be considered valid in the standings of the competition."

Meanwhile, BAF spokesman Terry Ward said Modahl would be asked to attend a hearing at a time mutually convenient.

The hearing must take place within 30 days but is likely to be towards the end of that period so Modahl, 28, has time to get her case together.

She said in a statement on Wednesday night: "It has not been established by the IAAF that there has been an 'administration of testosterone or the use of any other manipulation having the result of increasing the ratio in the urine of testosterone/epitestosterone'. The laboratory findings are not proof that either of these two events occurred."

Man Utd blanks Wimbledon

LONDON (Reuters) — Frenchman Eric Cantona scored on his first appearance after a three-match ban to spur champions Manchester United to a 3-0 Premier League victory over Wimbledon on Wednesday.

Cantona, suspended after being sent off in a pre-season tournament, put United ahead with a majestic 40th minute header at Old Trafford.

A two-goal burst in the second half from Scot Brian McClair and Welsh international Ryan Giggs sealed success for the title holders.

Newcastle surged back to the top of the table — two points ahead of second-placed Manchester United — with its fourth win in as many games.

Markusma Andy Cole turned

provider by crafting all his team's goals in Newcastle's 3-1 victory at West Ham.

Newcastle's first was a 32nd minute own goal by defender Steve Potts after Cole cut the ball back from the by-line. Cole laid on the second for John Beresford three minutes later.

Don Hutchison pulled one back from the spot after 87 minutes but Cole was back in the limelight two minutes from the end to set up Newcastle's third for Alex Mathie.

John Barnes, recalled by England this week, played a part in the first goal and scored the second as Liverpool beat Southampton 2-0 away to maintain its 100 percent winning start to the season.

Barnes used his chest to turn a

21st minute cross into the path of Norwegian full back Stig Bjornbye, whose pass to Steve McNamara was flicked on for striker Robbie Fowler to get his fifth goal in three games.

Barnes clinched victory 12 minutes from time, picking up the ball on the edge of the area and driving wide of the diving Bruce Grobbelaar, the former Liverpool goalkeeper who joined Southampton.

Wednesday's results — Premier League: Arsenal 0, Blackburn 0; Chelsea 3, Manchester City 0; Leicester 1, Queens Park Rangers 1; Manchester United 3, Wimbledon 0; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Norwich 0; Southampton 0, Liverpool 2; West Ham 1, Newcastle 3.

Division One: Derby 0, Middlesbrough 1; Swindon 0, West Bromwich 0.

Division Two: Brighton 1, York 0; Bristol Rovers 0, Blackpool 0.

NHL training camps to open as scheduled

TORONTO (Reuters) — NHL teams have been told training camps will open as scheduled.

"You can confirm to the press that all camps will be open," said a fax sent Wednesday from the NHL office in New York to all 26 teams.

The fax ended speculation that NHL commissioner Gary Bettman would lock players out this weekend.

"What this means is the camps will go forward as planned and the negotiation process between the two parties will also continue," said Bob Goodenow, the NHL Players' Association executive director, at the union's downtown headquarters.

It's believed that the NHL is willing to wait until opening day on October 1 before locking out its players.

The Winnipeg Jets are first to open camp when players report for medicals. The Jets leave this weekend for a tournament in Helsinki.

A majority of teams have their first on-ice sessions scheduled for Tuesday.

Bettman had permission from

owners to lock players out this weekend if there wasn't any progress in collective bargaining talks with the NHLPA.

Negotiators for the NHL and the NHLPA have held two five-hour sessions since Sunday.

While no one is saying what was said in negotiations, it's clear that the NHL and the NHLPA are taking conceptually about a system to link salaries to revenues.

The NHL wants to tie salaries to revenues, with added provisions for revenue-sharing. The NHLPA feels teams should share revenues, while allowing salaries to be determined by an open market.

The average salary for 1993-94 was about \$525,000.

Meanwhile, the NHL's 19-point rollback was to go into effect yesterday.

Under its terms, players are required to pay their own way to training camp, pay for their own meals along with their own medical, life and disability coverage.

It also allows the league to dictate the duration of training camps and the length of training sessions.

Federal mediators partake in strike talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Both sides in the Major League Baseball players' strike met separately with federal mediators Wednesday, the 20th day of the walkout, but no joint meetings were scheduled.

The chief negotiator for the owners discounted reports Tuesday that the sides had met informally and that management had changed its position on imposing a limit on players' salaries.

"I'd like to put those rumors to rest — at least the ones I've heard — there's been no change whatsoever in the owners' position," Richard Ravitch said after meeting with mediators for three hours.

"The central issue remains how we divide revenues. As long as the players don't address that at all, there can be no movement," he said.

After meeting with the mediators for 15 minutes, union head Donald Fehr said, "they didn't see any particular purpose, nor did the clubs," for a joint meeting.

Players decided to strike August 12 to preempt a decision by the owners to unilaterally impose a salary cap. The players' union contends the cap means players would



NO PROGRESS — Management negotiator David Ravitch talks with reporters Wednesday about the stalled baseball talks. (AP)

pay for the owners' failure to come up with a workable agreement on how to share revenues between more profitable large-market

clubs and smaller ones.

A source, speaking on condition he not be identified, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that

management has talked directly with the union outside the formal bargaining process but the contact did not lead to any progress.

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Taylor begins new era with grueling tour

SYDNEY (Reuters) — Mark Taylor is determined to make a break with the past — both on and off the field — as he begins his tenure as Australian captain with a grueling tour of Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

Wary of his country's poor playing record in Pakistan and the controversies which have blighted previous visits, the 29-year-old opener has urged his players to show mental toughness.

"We have to go to Pakistan with a clear mind and to expect some good, hard cricket," Taylor told reporters before leaving yesterday on the first leg of the tour, a one-day tournament in Sri Lanka.

Taylor, launching a new era of Australian cricket after a decade during which veteran Allan Border was at the helm, will undergo a searching test of his leadership abilities during the three-Test series in Pakistan.

Australia has not won a Test match in Pakistan since 1959-60, losing 1-0 on its last visit in 1988. That series was beset with controversy and acrimony over umpiring decisions and the quality of wickets, culminating in threats by the visitors to abandon the tour.

"There have been quite a few negatives from other tours and we don't want that to be a distraction to us," said Taylor, who took over the captaincy in May following Border's retirement from the Test arena.

"We have to adapt to the conditions and the customs we meet over there," Taylor added.

Border has praised the current 15-man squad as better equipped to end the drought than the side he led six years ago.



MON CAPTAIN — Mark Taylor will lead the Australian side against Sri Lanka and Pakistan. (Reuters)

"In the past there have always been some missing link but this time they seem to be pretty well set in all departments," said Border, whose retirement from international cricket in May ended a Test career spanning 156 Test matches.

Border, whose name is missing from an Australian Test squad for the first time in 16 years, will be replaced in the middle order by either Justin Langer or Michael Bevan.

After completing the one-day tournament against hosts Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India, Australia will play one three-day match before the first Test against Pakistan in Karachi, starting September 28.

Cowboys, 49ers rivalry lives on

BEFORE Dying Ken Norton Jr., Richard Dent, Rickey Jackson and the hopes of Northern California, the president of the San Francisco 49ers bought some signs.

Carmen Policy knew his quiet organization would be dizzied by sweeping off-season changes.

He knew if he was going to reshape a team that could defeat the Dallas Cowboys after consecutive National Football Conference Championship Game losses, he would step on some toes.

So he bought these signs, hanging one copy in his office, one in his vice president's office, even one in the weight room: *Don't Take It Personal*.

One problem. He forgot to hang a sign in Dallas.

And guess who is taking it personal?

"You tell the 49ers not to be bringing that ... on the field," Cowboy guard Nate Newton said. "They can talk all they want about

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In keeping with the NFL's 75th-anniversary theme, the NFC will be dominated this season by that ageless institution known as the grudge match.

The only things that distinguish the 49ers and Cowboys from the Frankfurt Yellow Jackets and Pottsville Maroons are facemasks and teeth.

The Cowboys, with a new coach who hasn't walked the sidelines in this decade, are attempting to become the first team to win three consecutive Super Bowls.

The 49ers, with potentially eight new starters — including Pro Bowl defenders Norton, Dent and Jackson — are trying to end their long-

est Super Bowl drought in nearly 15 years.

They haven't played in the big one since after the 1989 season, their longest slump since they made their first Super Bowl appearance after the 1981 season. They reached the NFC championship game in three of the last four years, only to lose to the New York Giants once and to the Cowboys twice.

It is a fight for history vs. a fight for reputation.

Upstarts vs. traditionalists. A blond quarterback named Troy Aikman who owns movie credits vs. a dark-haired quarterback named Steve Young who doesn't own a comb.

A wide receiver named Irvin who has dreamed of being like Jerry Rice vs. well, Jerry Rice, who will become the league's all-time touchdown leader with his third score this season.

A clash as basic as blue vs. red. (LA Times)

Kafelnikov heads player list in ATP Israel Open

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Yevgeny Kafelnikov heads the auspicious list of players who have confirmed their entry in the \$275,000 Joyce Eisenberg ATP Israel Open in Ramat Hasharon from 10 to 16 October.

This is the first time that three players currently within the world's top 15 have registered, including South Africa's Wayne Ferreira (13) and Thomas Muster from Austria (14).

Kafelnikov, who started the year at number 104, is currently lying in 11th spot after winning three tournaments this year, his

HEATHER CHAIT
latest being the \$313,750 Hamlet Cup last week in New York.

Other players joining Israeli's Amos Mansdorf as direct entries include Javier Sanchez (Spain), Andrei Chesnokov (Russia), Brad Gilbert (USA) and Bernd Karbacher (Germany).

In other tennis news, top seed Tzippi Obziler meets fellow Israeli Nitaly Kahana in today's semifinal of the second round of the \$10,000 Vanessa Phillips Women's Satellite in Haifa. Obziler defeated Mariella Bruins of Holland 6-4, 6-

2 while Kahana surprised fourth seed Katarina Misic of Yugoslavia 6-3, 7-5.

Hila Rosen, sixth seed, will play Christine Hoffman in the other semifinal. Rosen beat third seed Nina Nittinger of Germany 6-3, 6-2 and Hoffman won against her sister, Corn, who was disqualified from the tournament for verbal abuse.

The all-Israeli doubles final pits Obziler and Kahana against Rosen and Shiri Burstein.

Today's play begins at 2:30 pm at the Israel Tennis Center in Haifa and tomorrow's final at 10 am.

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Palestinian vigilante commander gets 16 life terms

THE Jenin Military Court on Wednesday sentenced Ahmed Awad Kamil, the founder and commander of the Black Panthers, to 16 life terms, plus 20 years the army announced yesterday.

Kamil, who was captured last fall, was convicted of killing a soldier, Yoram Cohen, and 15 Palestinians he suspected of acting as informants. Among those slain were several of his own relatives, the army said. He was also responsible for torturing other suspected "collaborators."

The Black Panthers began operating in 1989, a little over a year after the start of the intifada. The Panthers were loosely affiliated with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, but Fatah later denounced the Panthers' killing spree.

The military court said in sentencing Awad that it had considered imposing the death penalty but decided "He should suffer in prison for the rest of his life." (Itim)

IDF appointments take effect

MAJ.-GEN. Ze'ev Livne today assumes his new post as OC Ground Field Forces Command, and Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad, the former head of the General Staff Operations Branch, replaces Livne as OC Home Front Command. Brig.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi will be replacing Arad at the Operations Branch.

Livne is replacing Maj.-Gen. Immanuel Sakal, who is retiring from the IDF.

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IDF: Hizbullah increasing size of attack squads

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH is improving its methods of operation, sometimes sending in squads of up to 30 gunmen to launch attacks against IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the security zone. OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai revealed yesterday.

"Hizbullah has moved from squads to larger units of between 15 to 20 and sometimes as many as 30 terrorists," said Mordechai during a meeting in the north with officers and soldiers on ongoing security matters.

"Hizbullah uses mortars and tries to simultaneously attack several positions and several places in the field, with the aim of spreading the fire and activities over a wide area to mislead, and then concentrating on the actual point of the incident," he said.

Mordechai was asked by military reporters at the scene about reports that the IDF's hands are tied because of the peace process, and for this reason it was not adopting a far more aggressive attitude towards Hizbullah and other terrorist groups operating from Lebanon.

He maintained that the situation was no different than in the past, with the IDF acting in accordance with requirements and not slogans. He also noted the difficulties

in hitting an organization like Hizbullah which did not have recognized bases in the area.

"I am not aware of any Hizbullah bases in south Lebanon. Hizbullah hides or mingles with the civilian population or is in areas which are very far from the area of contact. They come to the area where they want to carry out an attack around the time it's scheduled and go away again afterwards," said Mordechai.

He stressed, however, that despite the difficulties Hizbullah and other terrorist organizations had suffered heavy casualties, with at least 83 terrorists killed since the beginning of the year and as many as 70 wounded.

Furthermore the daily operations of IDF and SLA troops in the zone had prevented any terrorists from infiltrating Israeli territory to try and carry out attacks against residents of northern towns and villages.

"As long as there is no political solution we have to find all the ways and means both inside and outside the zone to hit the terror which is operating against us," said Mordechai.

He reiterated that Syria could curtail or even stop Hizbullah's activities if it wished, but this is not happening and attacks are likely to continue.

Lebanese PFLP leader target of roadside bomb

DAVID RUDGE

A LEBANESE leader of a radical Palestinian group was wounded in a roadside bomb attack near his home just north of the security zone yesterday, according to reports from Lebanon.

Military sources in Israel said they were unaware of the incident in which Samir Suweidan and his brother were wounded on the outskirts of Yatar village.

Suweidan was reportedly the target of an IDF raid 18 months ago.

Reports from Lebanon said explosive charges were detonated alongside the car in which Suweidan, an official of George Habbash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and his brother were traveling. Both were wounded and were taken to hospital for treatment.

The news agency reports quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that agents acting on behalf of Israel may have planted the roadside bombs.

According to the reports, local residents opened fire with machine guns and RPG's towards a joint IDF and South Lebanese Army patrol that was seen in the area around the time of the blast.

The news agency reports said IDF and SLA gunners later fired towards hills near Yatar, although there were no reports of any casualties from the shelling.

There was a similar attempt on Suweidan's life in April last year when he and members of his family were driving home. His wife and their 11-year-old daughter and another local resident were killed and four other people wounded in that incident which was also blamed on Israel.

Suweidan escaped with moderate wounds in that incident and was again reported to have been wounded yesterday. Suweidan is believed to have been responsible for organizing numerous attacks on the security zone, as well as planning infiltration attempts and for Katyusha rocket attacks against the Galilee, including the one in 1992 in which a five-year-old girl was killed on Moshav Granot.

Tzaban: Aliya upsurge shows absorption budget is inadequate

BAT SHEVA TSUR

THE TREASURY'S aliya budget for the coming year, based on the forecast arrival of 70,000 new immigrants, is unrealistic, Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban said yesterday as August's aliya hit a three-year record.

Some 9,000 new immigrants arrived in the country in the past month, Tzaban said. 6,650 of them from the CIS. The majority were from Ukraine, where there are severe economic and political problems.

The total aliya for the past three months was 11.8% higher than in June-August 1993 and

22.5% higher than in the same period in 1992, he noted. So far this year, 40,020 people have made aliya, about three-quarters of them from the former Soviet Union.

Based on the number of visa requests over the past few months, we can expect this trend of increased aliya to continue in the near future and the budget estimate is therefore inadequate, the minister said.



The widow and daughter of murdered cab driver Derek Roth at Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Herzliya boys plead guilty to murder of cab driver

RAINE MARCUS

WHILE their former Herzliya schoolmates began the first day of the new school year yesterday, the two 15-year olds charged with the murder of taxi driver Derek Roth sat on the defendants' bench in Tel Aviv District Court.

The two pleaded guilty to charges of murder, conspiracy and illegal possession of a weapon yesterday, although it is still unclear who pulled the trigger. In earlier hearings, they had pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Roth's body was found slumped over the wheel of his taxi in a deserted dirt road in Herzliya Pituah last January. He had been shot five times at close range. Initially, police and Roth's family believed that the killing was carried out by terrorists - but less than 48 hours later, they received information from the mother of a pupil that the two youths had bragged about the murder to their schoolmates.

One of the youths, although described as "problematic," is a law-

yer's son. The other had a history of dropping out of schools, but both were described as "trouble-makers."

A psychiatric evaluation compiled while the two have been in custody stated that the youths had personality disorders but were fit to stand trial.

At first they both denied murdering Roth, 31, who immigrated from England about 20 years ago, each accusing the other of shooting their victim in the head and back.

Police said they had traveled with Roth several times prior to the murder, and had planned to kill him and steal his takings.

The revolver used in the murder had been stolen from a friend's home.

The two are presently incarcerated in Hasharon Prison's youth wing, and one of them reportedly tried to commit suicide a few weeks ago.

Histadrut to sell Hevrat Ha'ovdim properties to finance its activities

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

HEVRAT Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut's holding company, will sell its properties to finance the Histadrut's activities, according to the resolution adopted yesterday by the Hevrat Ha'ovdim convention, held yesterday in Tel Aviv.

"Koor's stocks will now turn into money poured into the pockets of Shas," Hevrat Ha'ovdim executive Muli Dor, of Labor, said in his address to the convention. It is not clear, however, whether the resolution can be implemented, since the vote was taken without a quorum, in violation of the company's constitution.

Some delegates also noted the labor federation might have difficulty obtaining the approval of the cooperative associations' registrar to sell the properties, since by law they belong to all the Histadrut's members, not to the leadership.

Official Labor faction sources said yesterday that the entire convention was a farce, and had no validity whatsoever. They added that any Labor delegate that had participated in the vote did so on their own volition, over the objec-

tions of the party.

The resolution was adopted following a determined battle waged by Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon to strip the Histadrut of its assets, over Labor's opposition.

Labor at first threatened that it would boycott the vote on Ramon's proposal, because less than one-third of the convention's 1,500 delegates appeared, making the quorum illegal. Moreover, Hevrat Ha'ovdim officials pointed out that according to the rules of cooperative associations a majority of more than two-thirds of the delegates' votes is required to make such a decision.

Labor's Histadrut members proposed that, rather than sell off the assets to raise funds, the profits from the companies be used to finance the Histadrut's activities.

However, some in Labor's ranks said they support Ramon's moves. When Labor's reservations to the resolution proposal were rejected, the delegates decided that, rather than be sus-

pected of preventing Ramon's efforts to save the Histadrut, they would vote for Ramon's amendments.

Ramon also announced at the convention that he intends to ask the police to launch an investigation of *Davar* the Histadrut's daily newspaper, following a report he received from which indicated that criminal acts may have been committed there.

He later said the report was from the paper's accountant, who had noted that no financial reports were issued by the paper for four years.

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Meshulam fires his lawyers again

RAINE MARCUS

UZI MESHULAM, who was arrested by police in May together with scores of his followers after a two-month siege at their Yehud home, has again fired his lawyers.

Meshulam made headlines after the self-styled rabbi and around 100 heavily armed followers turned their house into a fortress, shot at policemen, hurled firebombs and terrorized residents of the quiet suburb.

A massive operation to bring an end to the siege by 1,000 police and border policemen forced his followers to surrender. One was killed by a sharpshooter after he shot at a police helicopter. Meshulam was arrested when he went for a meeting with Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz at the nearby Avia Hotel.

At first he was represented in court by lawyer Dr. Haim Misgav, but Meshulam fired him while in the hospital. Meshulam then appointed lawyers Dror Makrin and Ari Caduri, who presented Tel Aviv District Court with several appeals to improve his conditions in prison.

Now Meshulam has fired his attorneys again, and with his trial starting in 10 days, sources said it may be a delaying tactic.

The Tel Aviv courthouse was heavily guarded for all of his many hearings in the past, as hundreds of followers came to see their leader and hold impromptu demonstrations. Meshulam and other defendants also disrupted every debate by shouting at judges, police and the press, calling them "Nazis" and "baby killers."

Yesterday Meshulam's wife Elisheva met with Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Hefetz to ask them to improve her husband's prison conditions.

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